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NATIONALISTS SINK RED INVASION CRAFT

Communist junks hit off Luichow Peninsula

CHUSANS THREATENED

Taipeh, January 12.

The Nationalist Navy's Third Task Force reported it sank 30 of 50 Chinese Communist junks trying to invade small Weichou Island off Luichow Peninsula in South China.

Additional Nationalist warships were rushed to patrol duty in the all-out try to smash an expected Communist attempt to invade Hainan Island, 10 miles off the Luichow coast.

News despatches reported a big concentration of Communist craft mainly in Hangchow Bay for an invasion of the Chusan islands, 100 miles South of Shanghai. The Chusan islands are used as a base by Nationalist warships maintaining the Shanghai blockade. The Chusan group is 20 miles long and 10 miles wide.

These despatches said the Communist fleet was composed of 1,000 craft averaging 40 tons and another 1,000 averaging 15 tons.

Neither the Navy, Army nor Air Force, which has been bombing coastal Communist China, had anything to confirm a rumour that 1,000 Red craft were bound for Hainan.

Hainan Strait was under heavy naval and air patrol.

Nationalist troops on the island were alerted. They guarded against an outbreak by Red guerillas who have a part of Hainan under their control. General Pai Chung-hsi, commander in the South, has more than 40,000 Nationalist troops on Hainan. Other Chinese commanders have smaller forces.

Nationalist warplanes ranged the Luichow Peninsula and the China coast, punishing gathering Communist forces with bombs and strafing attacks.

Canton, Foochow and Shanghai were among coastal cities raided by bombers. A 1,00-ton ship was reported hit at Shanghai.

A 2,000-ton Communist ship was reported hit off Luichow Peninsula by Nationalist bombers.

Port closure

In Taipeh, Nationalist Vice-Foreign Minister Shih Chao-ying said the port closure instituted against Chinese harbours in Red hands would be kept in force at the risk of another Flying Arrow incident.

He said the Nationalist Government had the right to prescribe regulations covering the ports and would exercise that right hereafter.

Nationalist warplanes raided Shanghai, Canton and other Communist held Chinese mainland objectives today, but the results of the raids were not disclosed, adds United Press.

(A Tass News Agency despatch from Shanghai reported that 62 persons were killed and 40 wounded in a Nationalist bombing attack on January 7).

A Nationalist air force communique said that the aerial raiders' targets included Hengyang, and Lingning in Hunan Province, Liuchow and Wuchow in Kwangsi Province and the South coast of Luichow Peninsula.

Attacks also were made on bridges of the Canton-Kowloon and the Canton-Hankow railway lines, the communique said.—Associated Press and United Press.

Britons in Taipeh threatened

Taipeh, January 12.

The British Consulate's branch office in Taipeh received an anonymous threatening letter today ordering it to pull down the Union Jack or else "we will do it for you."

The warning followed recent incidents in Tamsui.

Another recipient of a threatening letter was Mr James Shepherd, Consulate Immigration Officer, formerly of the Hong Kong Police.

The communication said: "We are keeping the last bullet for you."

The Nationalist authorities and police are co-operating very closely with the British Consul to prevent incidents.—Reuter.

Indonesian delegation to Peking

Singapore, January 12.

A nine-member delegation from the Central Organisation of the All-Indonesian Labour Movement is on its way to Peking to renew contacts with the Communist - controlled World Federation of Trade Unions, it was learned here today.

The party, which includes two women, passed through Singapore in the 7,803-ton Dutch vessel Tjibadak earlier this week but did not come ashore.

Indonesian labour was not represented at the much discussed WFTU meeting in Peking last November because delegates were unable to secure passports. A spokesman for the delegation indicated that discussions would be held with the newly created Liaison Bureau of the WFTU. He said that his Organisation was anxious to "establish close relations with labourers in China."

The delegation intended to study progress and reconstruction in China, he added.—Reuter.

MAIL VAN STOLEN IN LONDON

London, January 12.

Thieves stole a mail van and kidnapped the driver in the City last night, while another postman was collecting mail from offices.

Soon afterwards the van was found on waste ground and inside was the driver, bound, gagged, unconscious and so badly hurt that he was rushed to hospital for an operation.

The police are today checking to see how many mail bags are missing and what they contained.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a depression is developing and deepening over the Yellow Sea. From it the trough extends SW along E. and S. China coasts to Gulf building up over the Pacific to the S. of Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate or fresh E winds, cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum:	68.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum:	53.6 deg. Fah.
Sunshine:	0.8 hours.
Rainfall:	0.0 mm=0.0 ins. Total since Jan. 1—0.0 mm.=0.0 ins. as against An Average of 12.8 mm.=0.48 ins.

	Readings at 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. as m.s.l.	1017.8	1016.1 m.b.
	Equals 30.05	30.00 inches
Rel. Humidity	84	78 %
Dew Point	60	59 deg. F.
Wind Direction	ESE	ESE
Wind Force	14	13 Knots

Commonwealth Ministers Conference

Colombo, January 12.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, told the Commonwealth Ministers conference here today that no barrier against Soviet influence could be effective in South East Asia until the states concerned were politically contented, according to usually reliable conference sources.

The ministers discussed Indo-China and Burma at the morning session and after lunch turned to schemes for economic aid to South East Asia.

At the morning session, the ministers discussed aid to Burma which, observers recalled, has been hanging fire despite the existence of machinery for continuous study of the problem through the Commonwealth ambassadors in Rangoon.

Indo-China

In the case of Indo-China, the main problem affecting the Commonwealth is the political decision whether to recognise the Bao Dai regime in Vietnam.

The argument for recognition is that the alternative to Bao Dai is almost certainly the Vietminh regime under Ho Chi-minh and the Communisation of Indo-China.

The ministers agreed to curtail the afternoon meeting by half an hour to enable four of their numbers to receive honorary degrees at a Colombo University ceremony.

They were the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Pandit Nehru, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, Canadian External Minister and Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Britain's Commonwealth Relations Secretary.—Reuter.

RICE AGREEMENT

Bangkok, January 12.

The Thailand Government accepted today the procedure suggested by Britain for negotiating the purchase of 400,000 tons of rice for British Asian territories during this year, usually well-informed sources here said.

Rice experts from Hong Kong, Singapore and the Federation of Malaya will arrive here in the next few days for negotiations.—Reuter.

NO BARGAINING ON RECOGNITION

London, January 12.

Official sources expect diplomatic relations to be established smoothly between Britain and Communist China without lengthy bargaining.—Associated Press.

NEW RANK FOR WRNS

London January 12.

The Admiralty last night announced a new rank for members of the Women's Royal Naval Service—pilot's mate. Eligible are outstanding women air mechanics—but their job does not include flying.—Reuter.

Japanese ship fired on off South Korea

San Francisco, January 12.

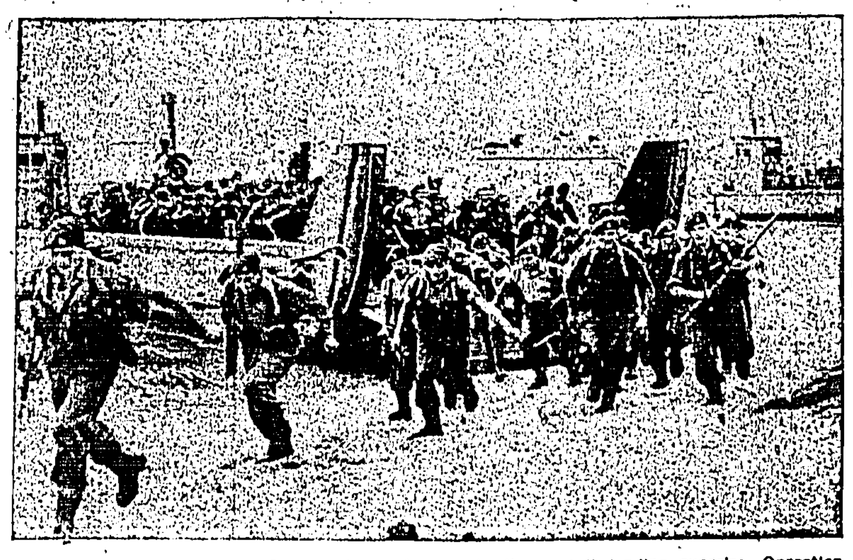
Globe Wireless intercepted a message from the Taiyo Maru out of Nagasaki, Japan, today saying she had been fired on with machineguns by a guard boat off the South Korean island of Cheju.

The message said:

"Was fired on with machineguns by something like guard boat. Nationality unknown. Still safe but other large-sized trawl boat was captured. Be careful nearby."

The Taiyo Maru gave the position as 126.26 East longitude and 32.42 North latitude.—Associated Press.

Commandos hit the beach



Four hundred and fifty Commandos took part in the assault landing exercise, Operation Albatross, at Castle Peak yesterday. Picture shows the last wave of the Commandos hitting the beach on the 14-mile stone, climaxing the action part of the exercise. The Commandos camped out in the hills of Castle Peak yesterday and will return to town this morning when the exercise will end. See Page 2. "China Mail" Photo.

Nationalist Navy base near Hong Kong

Romnants of the Nationalist Navy in South China waters have established a base at Lapsapmoi, midway between Macao and Hong Kong on the shipping lane, to check on cargo carriers.

Two Chinese vessels, travelling on a course between the ss. Kwongtung and ss. Kwong Sai, were fired on at dawn yesterday en route from Macao. The two British river steamers were not molested.

The Kiu Wan and Wing Fat Lee, which evidently disregarded warnings to stop and were subsequently attacked, returned to Macao. No casualties have been reported, and it is believed that there was no damage done.

A guard on the British river vessel Kwongtung told the "China Mail" yesterday that the Nationalist Navy has been operating from the Lapsapmei base with a large landing craft and two small river gunboats, checking on craft playing between Hong Kong and the South China Coast ports. Several Chinese craft have been taken to the base when certain matters cropped up which had to be clarified by higher authorities stationed at Lapsapmei.

The informant believed that the two Chinese vessels which were fired at had not stopped when signalled by the patrolling craft.

"It was about 3.45 a.m. when I heard the staccato burst of machine-guns echoing through the darkness," he recalled.

Hour from Macao

"The Kwong Sai was travelling ahead of all the four vessels. The Kiu Wan was behind her, followed closely by the Wing Fat Lee.

"Our vessel was not very far from the Chinese craft," he said.

The firing continued for about 15 minutes. It was too dark to see whether the vessels attacked were damaged, he declared.

The attack occurred about an hour after the Kwongtung had left the Portuguese colony, he added.

The Kwongtung and Kwong Sai arrived here yesterday. Both left for Macao on their normal schedules.

Another informant said that he had experienced a search by the Nationalists during one of his trips to Macao with local cargo.

Converted craft

"Our vessel is a small one and could not outrun the river gunboat, which did not bear any symbol. But we knew that she was one of the Nationalist Navy fleet enforcing the blockade in the Pearl River area," he said.

"There were about 20 officers and sailors aboard the gunboat, which was a converted river craft. We were questioned as to our business and the value of the goods aboard. Evidently they were satisfied, and let us go without further cross-examination," he stated.

This informant asserted that he had heard of one or two craft which had been taken to Lapsapmei for stringent questioning lasting several hours before they were released.

News of such incidents had been kept quiet by personnel of the vessels so as to avoid repercussions, he believes. "These vessels are operating regularly on this run," he added.

Virtual blockade

According to United Press, Nationalist gunboats in the Pearl river estuary have imposed a virtual blockade against Chinese ships and junks engaged in river traffic. Eight motor vessels and junks which left Macao for Hong Kong yesterday morning were forced to turn back after being fired upon by three gunboats.

Captain J. O. Skinner, of the British steamer Cheung Hing, which arrived from Hong Kong yesterday morning, reported that he saw a motor vessel being escorted toward Lintin Island by a Nationalist gunboat and an armed motor launch.

One motor vessel, the Sun On, was almost hit while attempting evasive action, but managed to escape. Her cargo of fish, poultry and vegetables was transferred to the Cheung Hing, which left for Hong Kong in the afternoon.

The gunboats are understood to be based on the Wanshan Islands, in the Pearl river estuary. Their purpose presumably is to hamper trade and communications between Hong Kong and the West River area, which is now under Communist control. Non-Chinese vessels apparently are not being molested.

Underground movement in Malaya smashed

Singapore, January 12.

Official sources in Kuala Lumpur disclosed today that a newly formed underground Malay movement, calling itself the "Tenth Army" and aiming at self-government, had been smashed in North Perak.

The Federation Police Commissioner, Mr. W.N. Gray, announced that 90 members had been detained after police raids in Taiping, (Malaya) and three other centres.

Documents which had fallen into the hands of the police, he said, showed that the organisation was confined to a small minority of Malay fanatics. Most of them had been members of the banned "Enlightened Youth Movements."

Investigations by the police had shown that the movement was planning tactics modelled on those of the present terrorists in Malaya, who were mostly Chinese.

He said the "Tenth Army" had planned to seize arms and ammunition from special constables, police and planters. The members had no serviceable weapons but the police had found wooden rifles and a home-made Japanese type of sword in their possession.

Most of those detained were young men. Thirty of them were special constables on estates.—Reuter.

BOY'S BODY FOUND

Wolverhampton: January 12.

The body of five year old Sammy Poole, missing since Christmas Day, was found in a canal here today.—Reuter.

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HK ruling on Chinese passports

Manila, January 12.

The British recognition of Communist China and the continued Philippine recognition of the Chinese Nationalists have caused a virtual stoppage of Chinese travel between Hong Kong and Manila.

The Foreign Office was advised today by the Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong that the Hong Kong Government will no longer grant re-entry permits to Chinese holding Nationalist passports.

This was interpreted to mean that Chinese leaving Hong Kong with Nationalist passports will not be permitted to return to the Crown Colony.

On the other hand, the Philippines authorities cannot recognise Communist passports, if any have been issued, inasmuch as the Philippines continues to recognise the Nationalists.

Visas suspended

The Foreign Office last night announced the suspension of the granting of visas in Hong Kong to Chinese desiring to come to the Philippines for a temporary visit.

Exempted from this ruling were prospective Chinese investors, but the Acting Foreign Secretary, Mr Felino Neri, today said that even prospective investors will not be granted visas by the Philippine consulate in Hong Kong in view of the Hong Kong government's new decrees.

Mr. Neri said prospective Chinese investors from Hong Kong would be stranded here if the Philippines allow them to enter the Philippines because they would not be able to return to Hong Kong.—United Press.

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Reported entry of ss. Elsie Moller into Shanghai

The British merchant ship ss. Elsie Moller succeeded in getting through the Chinese Nationalist blockade into Shanghai yesterday, according to an unconfirmed report received here last night.

Contacted by the "China Mail" last night, Captain M. Campbell, Marine Superintendant of Mollers' Limited, owners of the ship, said that he had no information of the Elsie Moller's movements and that the company had received no word from the ship for the last four days.

Mr. Campbell said that the ship was chartered by a Chinese firm but declined to elaborate.

A Royal Navy spokesman in Hong Kong last night also could not confirm the ship's entry into Shanghai.

Several Royal Navy vessels, including HMS Black Swan which went to the aid of the ss. Flying Arrow, are known to be in the vicinity of the Yangtse estuary just outside Chinese territorial waters ready to render assistance to British merchantmen in case of need.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wayne Richardson, Associated Press correspondent who is aboard the Flying Arrow, said that a British merchantman passed within sight of the Flying Arrow off the mouth of the Yangtse yesterday morning.

This merchantman is presumably the ss. Elsie Moller.

Mr. Richardson added that a Nationalist gunboat and destroyer escort moved toward the ship, and the British sloop Black Swan moved toward the ship and the Chinese warships and nudged them back into Chinese territorial waters. There were no shots fired.

Brooklyn Heights

The question whether the Isbrandtsen freighter Brooklyn Heights will run the Shanghai blockade is expected to be definitely answered today.

A. P. Pattison, Hong Kong agents for the New York owners, reported yesterday evening that they expect instructions from the owners today which will decide on the departure and destination of the 4,561-ton vessel.

The Brooklyn Heights was originally advertised to leave the Colony for the Yangtse on January 7. Her departure was postponed several times. She was then reported to be sailing yesterday after obtaining her clearance from the Harbour Office on Wednesday. She cleared officially for Shanghai.

The agents stated that no personnel, except Chief Electrician Brinson Lacy, who was in hospital, had signed off.

Mr. Fred Hill, American Consul in Hong Kong, declared yesterday that he had not received any petition from the personnel of the Brooklyn Heights about desiring to sign off should the ship leave for the Communist port.

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Danger of explosion in Flying Arrow

Aboard Flying Arrow, January 12.

Danger of an explosion today threatened this shell-crippled American freighter.

Captain David Jones said expansion of soda in the No. 5 hold could result in an explosion and new fire.

This was the in which fire broke out on Monday from a direct hit from a Chinese Nationalist gunboat. The warship attacked the Flying Arrow in international waters off the mouth of the Yangtse.

Captain Jones said he would try to take the ship to the Chinese Communist port of Tsingtao.

"To wait and try to get into Shanghai would be dangerous," Captain Jones said.—Associated Press.

Important Red conference held in Moscow

London, January 12.

Reports reaching Austria indicated that "the most important Communist conference" since the end of the war has just ended in Moscow, according to the Vienna correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" today.

"It was held during the Stalin birthday celebrations," the correspondent, Gordon Shepherd, said. It was no coincidence that leading economic experts were included in every delegation sent from the Cominform regimes to Moscow "to convey birthday greetings."

He added that several important developments are expected, including increased economic consolidation under close Soviet control and the construction of a permanent tradd bridge between Communist Europe and Communist Asia.—Reuter.

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RELIEF PROVIDED FOR VICTIMS OF FIRE

Thirteen Chinese organisations came forward yesterday to provide immediate relief for nearly 10,000 squatters who were dispossessed by the fire which on Wednesday reduced three Kowloon City villages to ashes.

The Government's Social Welfare Department, acting as liaison body between the victims and the organisations, assumed control of relief as it spread to the fields of housing, clothing and feeding.

Competent estimates placed total damage at nearly $1,000,000. There were, however, no casualties. In the majority of cases missing children were by late yesterday returned to their parents.

Firms and factories operating in the neighbourhood opened their doors to many victims of the fire, and the Social Welfare Department established two temporary feeding centres at Lok Sin Tong and Man Sang School.

Government social workers toured the area last night and registered the dispossessed families for further aid. Lorries were provided to transport people who had nowhere to sleep to sites temporarily set aside for them.

Squatters were admitted to the Maryknoll School, the Man Sang School, the Government's Welfare Centre in Kowloon City, and Christ Church compound.

Many of the victims spread out through Hakka Village in search of friends who will receive them. Some, despite the drizzle and cold, made themselves as comfortable as possible beneath the verandahs of buildings in the neighbourhood.

Rebuilding homes

However, hundreds of families who were rendered destitute made their way back to the destroyed area yesterday in a determined attempt to rebuild their homes on the burnt-out site. Several of them returned to the area on the night of the conflagration itself, to salvage what remained of their property and investigate the chances of early reconstruction.

Across the debris of dying embers and smoke, the squatters wandered about the blackened area, in groups of twos and threes, consoling each other.

Despite the help offered by many organisations which have taken in hand the vast problem of relief, the returning squatters showed no willingness to remain dependent for any length of time. Women, children and men were all busy yesterday restoring the area to its former pathetic condition of congested humanity.

Mr. W. J. Gorman, Chief Fire Officer, who toured the area yesterday morning, told the "China Mail" he, too, had noticed no spirit of defeatism among the squatters. He said he believes that in a matter of days many of the huts will have been restored. The only handicap to reconstruction is the lack of money which many of the squatters must be experiencing.

In a thorough review of the fire, Mr. Gorman said the total damage yesterday appeared to be much less than the original estimate. Subsequent investigations considerably reduced the magnitude of the conflagration, and a number of huts were still standing in a sea of ruined homes and factories.

Of the four film studios which dotted the fringes of the affected area, three resumed operations yesterday, while one which was only superficially damaged will start work again in a few days.

Started in knitting factory

The Chief Fire Officer said the conflagration started in a knitting factory, and spread to adjacent areas, fanned by strong winds from the North.

The Fire Brigade and Police acquitted themselves with daring and bravery and an astonishing lack of mob frenzy, reduced the number of casualties to all. Though fear gripped the women and children in the area, the exodus to safer neighbourhoods was swiftly accomplished with no breakdown of control.

The Fire Brigade put to good use their recent joint drills with the police, and the emergency nature of the fire was soon realised and promptly attacked. Swift, perfunctory orders were acted upon, and the fire-fighting organisation as it spread from officer to men, and from the men to the crowd, was perfect.

Lack of water hydrants, occasional breakdowns of pumping facilities, and the insufficiency of water supply despite strenuous appeals to the Water Department, caused the fire to assume the serious proportions that it did, Mr. Gorman said.

"If there was a river flowing nearby, or if I had been able to get all the water I needed, the fire would have been under control in half an hour," Mr. Gorman declared.

Danger areas

He bitterly deplored the existence of squatter localities in the Colony, and expressed his personal opinion that so long as the Government did nothing to eliminate such areas it would have to assume at least moral responsibility for the outbreak of such disasters.

Mr. Gorman attacked the construction of squatter dwellings as a fundamental evil. One member of his staff, going slightly beyond Mr. Gorman, described all squatter areas as indicative of a "breakdown of civilisation."

Speaking as Chief of a badly overworked Fire Brigade which, since the beginning of Hong Kong's congestion has had to cope with fires of mounting magnitude, Mr. Gorman said that so long as squatter colonies persist the element of danger remains pressing and urgent.

In the course of his experience in the Far East he has come in contact with many squatter areas, and the results were always the same. Things went along for a time until suddenly large blocks of huts were reduced to ashes by a fire which began innocently in one of them.

Flimsy material, cheap construction, and the inclination to concentrate in one spot are all contributing factors to the presence of danger, Mr. Gorman said.

Squatter habitations are nothing more than fire-traps, and risks are always enhanced by hazards such as kerosene which is used by the poorer classes as fuel.

Mr. Gorman believes that the only way to deal with the problem is to segregate squatter areas by municipal action. If this is impossible because of conditions obtaining today, then fire breaks should be made in the areas. The inter-lacing character of the huts should be destroyed, and a greater supply of water should be made available.

Japan trade regulations

Allocation of official exchange for the purchase of industrial raw materials, machinery and equipment from Japan through the Government open account, will shortly be resumed on a limited scale it was learned yesterday.

Applications from factories or importing merchants for raw materials or equipment, should state clearly the type, quantity, weight and price of the material required.

In the case of merchants, a signed copy of contract or contracts to supply local factories should be enclosed with the application, which should be sent to the Department of Supplies and Distribution.

The Department of Commerce and Industry reiterated that all goods from Japan require import licences. This requirement extends to shipments of samples.

The Department requests the co operation of shipping firms and importers in this matter, but warns that it may be necessary to resort to prosecutions in the event of breaches of the regulations.

Reminders

Today

Wah Yan Dramatic Society presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College theatre, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

Crescendo Chorus Concert at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.

Luis Chan's one-man exhibition of paintings, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Mue Yu-tin, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola 8 p.m.

United Inter Denominational Service at St John's Cathedral, "Revival in Church" by Lt. Col F T Waller, 5.30 p.m.

International Academy of Art, exhibition of European and Chinese paintings, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

European YMCA Members Council meeting, 6 p.m.

Badminton Executive Committee meeting, at SCM Post board room, 5.15 p.m.

Queen's College Annual Speech Day, at St Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, 10.30 a.m.

Kowloon Reel Club inaugural dinner dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Luis Chan one-man exhibition of paintings, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Mue Yu-tin, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m.

British Council pictures, European YMCA, (for Services) 8 p.m.

Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert, Diocesan Boy's School, 8.15 p.m.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College theatre, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Toc H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.

Luis Chan one-man exhibition of paintings, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society presents (final showing) "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College theatre, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

Nine Dragon Services Club, tombola, 8 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, "Chinese Handicraft" by Mr. F. Gabbott, 8.30 p.m.

United Service of Christian Witness, at English Methodist Church, 6.30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church, 6.30 p.m.

Trader given nine months for assault

Remarking that it was fortunate that he was not charged with murder, Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday sentenced Wong Ng-sek, travelling trader, to nine months' hard labour for assaulting Pau Pak-kuen, of 10 d'Aguilar Street, causing him grievous bodily harm.

The prosecution alleged that on Monday in room 415, Nam Ping Hotel, defendant attacked complainant with a chopper causing him to lose the use of two fingers of the left hand as a result of an argument over a swindling and gambling case in Canton.

After sentence was passed, defendant's wife asked for a reduction of sentence saying that defendant had several dependants.

On refusing the request, Mr. Scholes said that he could get a much heavier sentence on the charge. Defendant's wife then offered to go to gaol in his place. The offer was also refused.

Indian boy on flight to U.S.

A nine-year-old Indian boy from Punjab Province was the youngest air traveller in a Pan American World Airways DC-4 when the aircraft left here for Seattle yesterday afternoon.

Mangal Singh, who spent Wednesday night in the Peninsula Hotel, is travelling to Vancouver from Calcutta.

The young traveller with his native turban and blanket is travelling alone to the Western Hemisphere. He speaks only his native Punjabi.

One PAA official said that on Wednesday night that while at the mainland's most luxurious hotel, the little boy got homesick. As a result he cried aloud all night.

Due to language difficulty no one was able to comfort the young Indian.

An adult Indian traveller on the same plane took the responsibility of looking after the youngster.

COMMERCIAL DIARY

Gregg's Commercial Diary—a handy desk calendar containing general information and four-day pages—has been published by the Gregg Publishing Company, of 117, Prince's Building, at HK$4 a copy.

The first two pages are devoted to a full 1950 calendar and a personal memo. The general information section includes a map of the Colony, typhoon signals, lists of Trade Commissioners, Consulates, a building guide and postage, telegraphic and radio-telephone rates.

The time-tables of the different transport communications firms are also given, in addition to other essential general information.

Squatters get congee

Squatters, who were rendered homeless by the fire which razed hundreds of huts in Kowloon City Wednesday evening, receive congee from an emergency food kitchen set up by charitable institutions after the fire.—("China Mail" photo).

Jury finds Milne guilty of rape

A unanimous verdict of guilty was yesterday returned by the jury trying Andrew Milne, 23-year-old RASC driver, who stood trial at the Criminal Sessions for raping the 30-year-old Hakka wife of a Chinese earth coolie.

Sentence was deferred until noon today by Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, after Mr. A. J. Clifford, defence counsel, had put forward a plea of mitigation on Milne's behalf.

The jury of five men and two women, who retired to deliberate for about an hour, however added a recommendation for leniency in view of the prisoner's youth.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Hooton, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Scragg. Mr. Clifford appeared for Milne on instructions of the Hong Kong Bar Council.

When the verdict had been returned, Mr. Hooton told the Court that though the prisoner had no record in the Colony, he had had previous convictions in the United Kingdom.

Crown Counsel said that, according to reports from Scotland Yard, Milne had been convicted of theft in Edinburgh on September 1, 1944, and fined £4. On April 4, 1949, he was convicted again for theft and house-breaking in Perth for which he was given 60 days.

After Milne had admitted his record, Mr. Clifford in mitigation stated that none of the usual things accompanying the offence of rape was present in the case. No injury was caused. It was no question of a young, innocent girl being involved. There was no doubt that, as far as the woman was concerned, she did not take the rape so seriously, and only made mention of the fact that her clothes were torn when the police arrived.

Mr. Clifford went on to say that another mitigating factor was that the prisoner was drunk. He was away from home in his unit, and thus away from home life. It was the absence of it that made him drink.

Mr. Williams then adjourned the case until noon today, saying that he would like to think the matter over.

The crime in question was committed on September 1 last. Milne, after having had some drinks in Kowloon, returned to the New Territories where he was billetted. He went up to an old cell in the disused Castle Peak police station where Tsoy Yung, the woman concerned, stayed, and there raped her. He then took her along to his billet nearby and molested her again.

In a statement from the dock yesterday, Milne in defence said that on the day in question he had some drinks at the Blue Peter Cafe, after which he took a wagon back to the New Territories.

When he got somewhere near his billet, he slipped and fell in a ditch, and could not remember what happened then until he awoke and found himself lying with a woman.

Milne's trial has taken four days.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Swatow on account of smallpox.

Rewards for arrest of bank robbers posted

Mr. Frank Howard, manager of the Chase Bank, told the "China Mail" yesterday in connection with the recent sensational bank robbery that the Bank took a very serious view of the matter, it being a threat to business in general here and to banks in particular.

He affirmed that the reward has been laid down as $2,000 for each individual robber when arrested and if convicted, and $15,000 for all of the five robbers. This reward has been put up by the Bank and the Government, Mr. Howard explained.

The robbery—which was committed on Monday afternoon—was, said by the police to have netted about $430,000 and has been looked upon as a "clever piece of work" by the police and bank management.

No arrests have yet been reported.

FIREWOOD RATIONING

Holders of Rice Ration cards in the Wanchai District should register with the following firewood retail shops for firewood ration cards:

Tek Lee, 252, Queen's Road East; Hop Zung, 48, Lee Tung Street; Zung Lee, 231, Lockhart Road; Tse Kee, 97, Gloucester Road; Chan Kit Kee, 2, Gresson Street; Chan Fat Kee, 7, Tonnochy Road; Chan Cheuk Kee, 145, Hennessy Road; Ming Fung, 238, Lockhart Road and Hing Kee, 7, Tai Wo Street.

Date of Registration: January 13 to 18 (Sundays excepted) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Rice ration card holders who fail to register during the registration period, will forefeit their first firewood ration. However they will be allowed to register direct with Wing Wah Co. 14, On Lan Street and, will be given their firewood ration cards.

CEMENT EXPORTS

Until further notice, cement may be exported to all destinations it was officially stated yesterday.

Export Licences should be obtained from the Department of Supplies and Distribution.

The embargo on the import of cotton yarn from India for local consumption only was officially removed since yesterday.

Indian cotton yarn can therefore be sold either to local factories or for re-export as desired.

Murder trial continues

Suggestions that the three accused in the Tiger Mansions murder trial were beaten up or threatened by the police after their arrest were denied by a police interpreter at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Hearing was adjourned until 10.30 this morning. The defence will commence its case some time today.

The accused are Ng Tong, Tsang Fook and Pun To, alias Hak Tsai. They are charged with the murder of Law Shu-fan, gardener at the Tiger Balm Mansions, on October 20 last.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Nicoll, is prosecuting. Mr. Y. K. Mok instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford is appearing on behalf of the first accused. The other two are represented by Mr. S. V. Gittins on the instructions of Mr. A. Lui.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman.

Raid on hut

The men are alleged to have taken part in a morning raid at a stone hut in the mansions grounds, Causeway Bay, where the deceased's wife slept. After getting up in the morning, the woman, on opening the door, was confronted by a band of men, who robbed her of money and jewellery. Just then, the woman's husband arrived on the scene, and it is alleged that the first accused got hold of a dagger and stabbed him.

Yesterday, Tsang Cho-ming, police interpreter, who testified as to having translated certain statements taken from the three accused after their arrest, denied under cross-examination that any force or threat was used by the police on any of the accused.

FIRE IN SHIP

A small fire occurred in the coal bunkers of the Panamanian freighter Unita yesterday as she rode at anchor in Kowloon Bay.

Damage was negligible and no one was injured. The outbreak was smothered by the ship's personnel on the arrival of a fire float sent by the Fire Brigade, under the supervision of Regional Officer Brooks.

The Unita arrived here from Takao on Wednesday with 5,000 tons of sugar in transit. She is due to leave today for Osaka.

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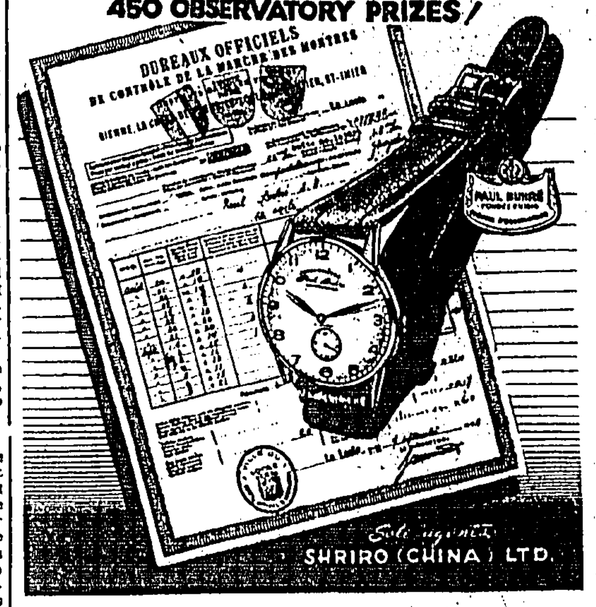

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The Draw will be held at the Public Pari-Mutuel Hall, the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on TUESDAY, 17th January, 1950.

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Classified Advertisements accepted up to 5 p.m. for publication in the following day's paper.

Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

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POLICE NOTICE

LICENSING OF DOGS

1. All dogs now require a Government anti-rabies inoculation permit or an inoculation certificate, signed by an approved veterinary surgeon before a licence can be issued or renewed.

2. Owners of dogs, in respect of which anti-rabies inoculation certificates dated on or after October 1, 1949, have been issued, should obtain dog licences on or before January 31, 1950, after which date licensing will only be possible when valid certificates, dated within the previous month, are produced.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, January 10, 1950

POLICE NOTICE

On Sunday, January 8, 1950, at 7.45 a.m. at Chatham Road junction of Bulkeley Street a Chinese male named LAM ON, 60 years, was knocked down by a private car No. HK200; and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon, Telephone numbers 50735 and 58629 or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

January 9, 1950

NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Matriculation Examination May/June 1950

Candidates are reminded that all entries for the above examination must be in the hands of the Registrar by Thursday, February 2, 1950.

B. MELLOR
Registrar

Hong Kong, Jan. 12, 1950.

DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE, 1950.

INOCULATION CENTRES.

It is hereby notified that as from January 16, 1950, the Urban Council will operate, in the urban areas of the Colony, centres for the inoculation of dogs against rabies in accordance with the following programme:—

PERIOD: Monday, January 16—Tuesday, January 31 (Sundays excepted).

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Hours: 8 a.m.—11 a.m. and 3 p.m.—6 p.m. daily except Sundays.

TSIM SHA TSUI CENTRE (Garage at near of Kowloon Post Office Building)

Hours: 8 a.m.—11 a.m. and 1 p.m.—4.30 p.m. daily except Sundays.

The Arbuthnot Rd. and Kowloon Tong Centres will be permanent, while the following centres will be operated in accordance with programmes published in the press from time to time:—

1. Belcher St. Centre (Grd. floor of S.D. Staff Qrs.)
2. Leighton Hill Rd. Centre (Hawker Office compound)
3. Sai Wan Ho Centre (annexe to Saiwanho Market)
4. Stanley Centre (annexe to M.D. Clinic)
5. Aberdeen Centre (Market compound)

IMPORTANT.

In order to save inconvenience to themselves members of the public who wish to have their dogs inoculated should proceed in accordance with the following:—

1. Purchase for a fee of $10 a blank vaccination permit. These are obtainable from the Treasury, Prince's Bldg., or, for the convenience of Kowloon residents from the Jockey Club premises, (opposite the Alhambra Theatre) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10—12.00 a.m.
2. Insert owners name and address and particulars of the dog on the form. Unless this can be done in legible English, and in ink, the forms should be left blank.
3. Take the dog together with the permit form to the nearest inoculation centre.
4. The completed permit should then be taken or sent to the nearest Police Station for the licensing of the dog. A further fee of $10 is payable for licensing.

N. B. M. WHITTAKER,
Secretary, Urban Council.

January 11, 1950.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of MIHRAN IPEKDJIAN late of Antwerp, Belgium, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of February, 1950.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 9th day of January, 1950

LO AND LO,
Solicitors
for the Administrator,
Alexandra Building,
Des Voeux Road,
Central,
Hongk Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of HO CHEE (or CHI) WAN (何芝雲) alias HO LAP SAM (何立深) late of No. 66 Wellington Street, first floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Spinster, retired Medical Practitioner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probate Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 5th day of February, 1950.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 9th day of January, 1950

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NOTICE

RECRUITING BRITISH ARMY

Vacancies exist in the Royal Corps of Signals (17 men), the Royal Engineers (30 men), and in the Army Catering Corps (30 men), for locally born Chinese males from Hong Kong or the New Territories.

The Recruiting Office will open at 9 a.m. on 16th. January, 1950 and at 9 a.m. on the 18th January, 1950, in the Field Security Offices, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

Applicants should come to the 'In' Gate of Whitfield Barracks at these times, when they will be interviewed and the conditions of Service with the British Army will be explained to them. Any locally born Chinese may come to the interview and ask for information, there is no compulsion to join, but those men who apply to do so and are selected must bring with them a letter from two bona fide guarantors as to their good behaviour and must be prepared to start their training on the 23rd January, 1950.

Preference will be given to those applicants for the Royal Engineers who have previously served with the Royal Engineers and particularly to those interested in and having knowledge of Bomb Disposal work and explosives.

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Murder suspect faces committal proceedings

Blood stained clothing and "Exhibit D," alleged to be the death weapon, were repeatedly referred to in the opening stages of committal proceedings against Cheong Yin yesterday. He was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon, with murder.

The victim named was Cheong Tong, a 49-year-old woman whose husband is in the United States.

ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. d'Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 2/50 dated January 13, 1950:—

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: January 16 to 21, Central Division; January 22 to 28, KCCH Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: January 16 to 22, Mongkok Division; January 23 to 28, Kowloon Wah Yuen, Taikoo Divisions.

Rugby Match Duties: Sat. 14, HKFC Ground 3 p.m. Eastern Division; Boundary Street 4.15 p.m. Kong Wah Division.

Football Match Duties: Sat. 14, Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m. South China Division; Boundary Street 2.30 p.m. Kong Wah Division; Sun. 15, Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m. South China Division; HKFC Ground 2.30 p.m. KCCH Division; Boundary Street 2.30 p.m. Kong Wah Division.

Annual Race Meetings: Sat. 14, 11.30 a.m. HKYMCA Division; Mon. 16, 11.30 a.m. Confucian Division; Tues. 17, Central Division; Wed. 18, KCCH Division; Sat. 21, 11.30 a.m. Wanchai "A" Division.

The Ambulance will be manned by Motor Transport Division on all days.

Headquarters Stores: Div Supts will forward to the Equipment Officer not later than February 7, 1950, a complete list of Uniform and Equipment held by their Divisions as at December 31, 1949.

Chinese New Year Holidays Nursing Divisions: HK No. 1 Corps from Jubilee 13 to 21; HK No. 2 Corps from February 10 to 22; Shamshuipo Nursing Division from February 14 to 21; KYMCA Nursing Divisions from February 14 to 28.

Senior Officers Meeting: There will be a Senior Officers Meeting on Thursday, January 26, at the Urban Council Chambers at 5.15 p.m.

Andrew Tsang Shield Competition: This competition was held on Sunday, January 8, and was won by the King's College Old Boys Division with 190 marks.

Transfer: Div. Supt. Miss K. Jones, Chung Sing Nursing Division to Shamshuipo Nursing Division w.e.f. January 17, 1950.

(Sgd.) R. A. EDWARDS, S.B.S.G., Corps Supt.

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This deceased's daughter, Man So-mui, aged 19, told the court how she was assaulted in the darkness of her home in the village when she heard the screams of her mother in an inner room of the house.

She told how she had thought that the screams from her mother—two shrill calls, she said, then silence—were because something had bitten her. The girl thought that a snake, or an insect had bitten her mother. When she entered the room, she was assaulted by someone with a chopper (Exhibit D). The man, she said, lit a match from which she recognised him as defendant. Asked when she had seen the chopper last prior to its presentation in court, Man replied: "I saw it last when he (indicating defendant) chopped me."

Asked about money

Man said that the man who attacked her and hit her with the chopper had asked where her mother's money was kept.

The prosecution led the evidence that Cheong Tong, the victim had gone into the inner room after she had heard some noise there. She was only in there a moment, Man So-mui, recalled when she screamed. This brought the girl into the room. The woman, Cheong Tong, was backed viciously on the left side of her neck: the wound measured four inches long and two inches across. There was a second wound a little below the first, the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub Inspector Douglas Taylor said.

Scientific evidence introduced by the prosecution stated that blood stains were found in the clothing worn by accused when he was arrested on November 20, the evening of the alleged murder. The blood, the prosecution continued, was human blood.

Cheong Yin, the defendant, reserved his defence and hearing adjourned.

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TRUMP YOUR OWN ACES

ANY BRIDGE player thinks of the honours in his own hand, when he is the declarer, as primarily trick-takers, secondly entries for various purposes and thirdly as cards on which he can discard dummy's losers in other suits. They can have a still different—contrastingly different—use in some situations, especially in some suit of which the dummy is void. Entries to the dummy may be needed so badly that the best use of declarer's honours is to ruff them, in effect trumping his own aces.

	S None H 9 8 7 5 D A 7 6 5 C 10 8 7 5 2	
S J 10 9 5 6 3 H 4 2 D 9 3 2 C 9 6	N W E S	S K 7 5 4 2 H K 6 3 D 10 8 C K 4 3
	S A Q H A Q J 10 D K Q J 4 C A Q J	

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

South	West	North	East
1 H.	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 D	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 C	Pass
6 H.			

When North's answer to the Blackwood 5-No Trumps showed no kings, South felt like settling for less than small slam, but of course couldn't. Upon seeing the dummy after the spade J lead, he was still more stumped by his problem, as he collated up the basic need for four entries to the dummy—two to try two finesses of hearts, if the K lay favourably, then two for a pair of finesses in clubs—if he was to seek maximum results.

At first glance, the diamond A is dummy's only obvious entry. A little study of that suit showed that by overtaking an honour with the A he might turn the 7 into an entry if he saved his own 4 as a fourth-round lead to it. Then, before playing to the first trick, he saw a great light dawn. His two perfectly good spade honours could be ruffed in the dummy for the other two entries.

So he ruffed the spade lead, playing his own Q, finessed the heart Q, ruffed the spade A, finessed the heart J, felled the heart K with the A, scored the diamond K and Q, overtook the J with the A, finessed the club Q, led the diamond 4 to the 7, finessed the club 8 and had left the club A and heart 10 for the last two tricks, having taken all eleven.

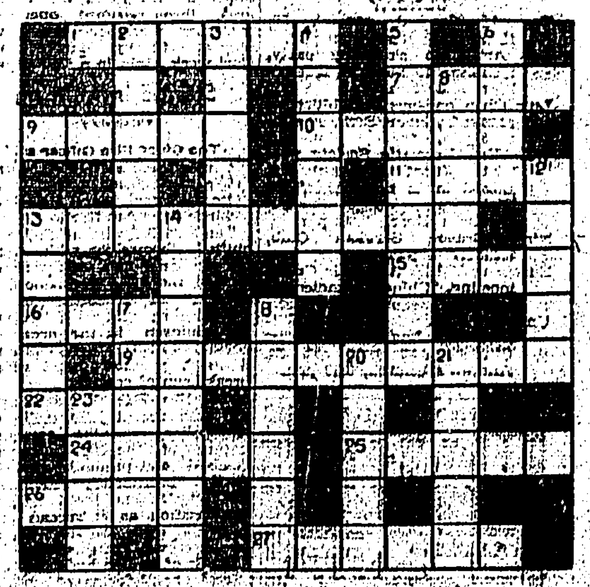
Tomorrow's Problem

	S A J 6 4 H 6 5 D K Q 7 C A Q 6 2	
S K 5 H K Q J 7 3 2 D 5 C 8 7 4 3	N W E S	S 10 9 7 H 10 9 6 4 D 4 3 C K J 10 9
	S Q 8 3 2 H A D A J 10 9 8 6 2 C 5	

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable).

If West had overcalled in hearts and East eventually doubled 6-Diamonds, how should South play after the heart K lead?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Prohibit. 7 Countenance. 9 Bird. 10 Gentleman's gentleman. 11 Dialect. 13 Not forbearing. 15 Ruffian. 16 Paint. 19 Requisition. 22 London stable. 24 Window. 25 Lament. 26 Song for two. 27 Prompt.

Down

2 Sphere of action. 3 Trite. 4 Amuse. 5 Gifted. 6 Waters. 8 Bunk. 12 Keen. 13 Chimney-corner. 14 Contrary in position. 17 Twenty. 18 Gods at an busy pace. 20 Push with the elbow. 21 Sinned. 23 Utter defeat.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Mailed, 4 Olive, 8 Nation, 9 Inert, 10 Shed, 12 Fatigue, 15 Pivot, 16 Arch, 17 Emir, 18 Reign, 20 Redeems, 21 Edge, 23 Cloth, 24 Toledo, 25 Berry, 26 Abuses.

DOWN:—1 Minister, 2 Intrepid, 3 Eyon, 5 Language, 6 Virtue, 7 Rates, 11 Director, 12 Formal, 13 Ointment, 14 Shyness, 18 Medlie, 22 Bomb.

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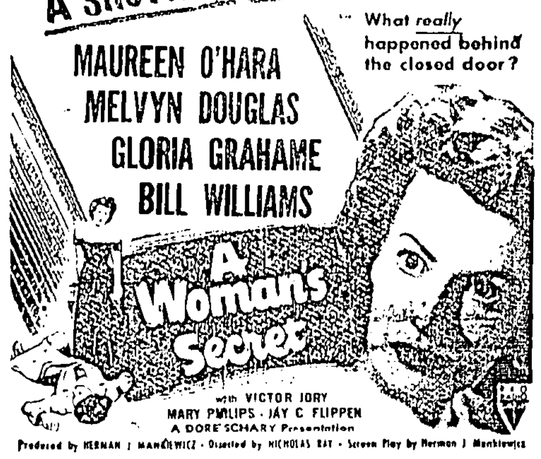

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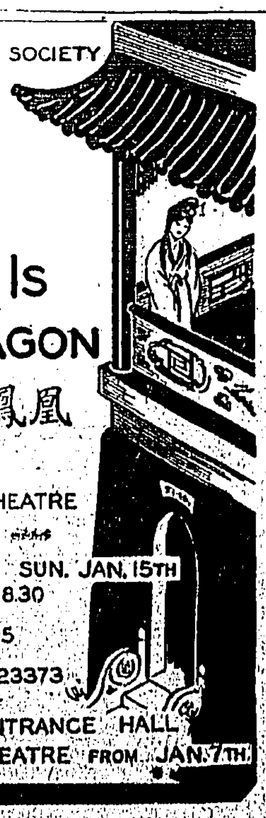

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CINEMA WORLD

BRIAN, CRAWFORD and SCOTT
A lesson in politics

Joan Crawford film at King's and Lee

Rating: * * *

A lesson in American politics and a fairly dramatic account of a woman's ambition to live on the right side of the track, are contained in "Flamingo Road," week-end attraction at the King's and Lee Theatres.

Starring Joan Crawford, Zachary Scott, Sydney Greenstreet, and introducing David Brian to the local screen, the picture has been directed by Michael Curtiz, of "Mildred Pierce" fame, and possesses enough punch to make it an interesting show for all, barring kiddies, who should be left at home.

Joan Crawford, carnival dancer, is stranded in a small town, and through Zachary Scott, deputy sheriff, gets a job as a waitress. County sheriff Sydney Greenstreet, politically ambitious, is sponsoring Scott, actually to advance his own interests. Disapproving of Joan, Greenstreet has her sent to prison, Scott meantime marries a local society belle.

Released, Joan is determined not to be run out by Greenstreet, and she gets a new job at Gladys George's roadhouse. The state politicos gather here, and Joan meets David Brian, Greenstreet's main political rival. He falls in love with Joan and they soon marry.

Scott, realising his lack of fibre, goes downhill, and Greenstreet throws him out to run for governor himself. Brian, recognising Greenstreet's ruthlessness, balks at this new move. When Scott shoots himself in Joan's house Greenstreet immediately casts suspicion on her. Believing his wife to have been still in love with Scott, when she married him, Brian breaks with her.

Joan now desperate, seeks out Greenstreet at Gladys George's place to force him at gunpoint to call the attorney-general and tell the truth about his own machinations. There is a fight, and Greenstreet is killed.

Joan is arrested, and Brian rushes back to her defence, realising now that it was for him that she had gone to Greenstreet for the fatal showdown.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classification to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

**** Excellent
*** Very Good
** Good
* Fair

Little women make big picture

Rating: * * *

The Queen's and Alhambra theatres this week-end offer a family picture in "Little Women," a Technicolor production starring Elizabeth Taylor, June Allyson Peter Lawford and a host o other reliable actors and actresses.

The novel which has been read by many loses little on the screen and the millions of readers who enjoyed following the ups and downs of the March family will find that MGM ha done a good job with their celluloid version.

Every member of the discerningly-chosen cast fits his and her part like a glove. June Allyson is perfectly suited to the role of the tomboyish Jo, who sacrifices her lovely hair in orde to provide Marmee with the money to visit their wounded soldier-father, who defies convention, loses her beloved Laurie but ends up with both a husband and a career. Peter Lawford offers a bracing portrayal of the impetuous Laurie. Margaret O'Brien is a touching little Beth Elizabeth Taylor sparkles as the radiant Amy. Janet Leigh lends quiet dignity to the part of Meg eldest of the girls.

Hollywood gossip

Deanna Durbin seems determined to resume her career She's on a strict diet to reduce two stones and is reading stories that a dozen managers have sent her. It seems like yesterday that I heard Edna Mae Durbin warble at the Los Angeles Lancashire Club smokers. And at that time a girl called Judy Gumm was knocking at studio doors. She got in—as Judy Garland.

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When Van Heflin was a student of drama at the University of Oklahoma, he was told to get into movies and "win those gorgeous dames." In "East Side, West Side," he wins Barbara Stanwyck from our own and inimitable James Mason. It's Van's first win in his last seven films.

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Maureen O'Sullivan has again refused a very tempting offer to star in a Broadway play—and a nice salary of 500 guineas a week. The reason for her 'no', she doesn't want to leave her director-husband, John Farrow, and her six children.

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We marvel at the energy of women in Hollywood. In addition to running a house, having families, and a career, some of them are heads of successful businesses. Maureen O'Hara now owns three dress shops. Joan Crawford owns three big blocks of flats which she personally supervises. Irene Dunne owns two hotels. Claudette Colbert has several petrol-filling stations, large properties, and an interest in two plastics factories. Joan Fontaine is vice-president of Rampart Pictures, attends all the meetings, and decides on policy.

O'HARA and DOUGLAS
A phony confession

Thriller due at Roxy Theatre today

Revolving around a woman's quixotic effort to shield her protege from scandal, "A Woman's Secret" co-stars Maureen O'Hara, Melvyn Douglas, Gloria Grahame and Bill Williams in an drama of the entertainment world. The film is now at the Roxy Theatre.

Miss O'Hara is the key figure a former radio singer who loses her voice but successfully guides the career of a younger girl to fame over the air-waves. When her protege becomes emotionally involved and tries to commit suicide, Miss O'Hara decides to protect the girl's reputation by "confessing" that she herself fired the shot, and she is promptly arrested on a charge of attempted murder.

Subsequent developments are the efforts of Douglas, long Miss O'Hara's closest friend, to convince the police that the charge is ridiculous, and to clear up the whole affair. How he does it makes for an absorbing plot.

Miss Grahame plays the young singer and Williams is cast as her GI friend. Victor Jory is seen as an attorney; J. C. Flippen and Mary Philips as a police inspector and his wife, heading the supporting cast. The Dore Schary presentation for RKO Radio was directed by Nicholas Ray, with Herman J. Mankiewicz producing and writing the screenplay from Vicki Baum's novel. "Mortgage on Life."

Jerry Wald, the dynamic producer, defined a movie executive: "He's the man who has a worried look—on the face of his assistant."

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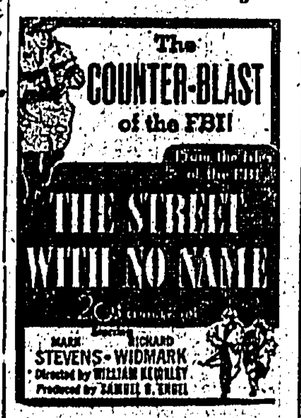

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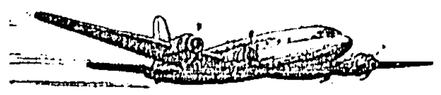

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THE COST OF LIVING

Deadlocks are rarely deadly unless no attempt whatever is made to break them. Sometimes they are as salutary as a cooling draught to the over heated, and sometimes they produce an explosion. The issue in the present Industrial disputes in Hong Kong is an economic one. There are no political demands, but there does appear to be a pre-supposition that politics lurks smarkingly in the background. It seems wiser to put that aside for the moment and likewise to forget any mid-Victorian conception of bloated capitalists bulging with misbegotten wealth. There is no need for such prejudices, which can do much harm and no good.

The workers in the utilities and other concerns have demanded an extra allowance of three dollars a day because, they say, the cost of living has gone up. The demand has been put forward, no doubt, in the usual bargaining spirit of the Chinese. They don't expect to get all they ask - they wouldn't be Chinese if they did. But quite clearly they do expect to get something and will be sorely put out if they don't. Indeed, it is pretty certain, in our opinion, that they would if the issue were submitted to impartial arbitration.

The employers have agreed to arbitration. The unions have refused. The refusal is inspired not so much by any alien trade union prejudice, but rather by the ancient traditions of the Chinese themselves, and perhaps also by angry mistrust. They expect to every offer a counter-offer - a method that doesn't always end in a bargain. But anyway the workers have not had a counter-offer in actual terms and there is no present indication they will get it. A common demand, however separately submitted, for an extra three dollars a day allowance by all the unions concerned has led to a common stand by the employers—no counter-offer, but arbitration.

That was how things stood when, with commendable enterprise, the manager of the Dairy Farm accepted a challenge to try out the workers face to face. When he sought to explain what arbitration meant, he was shouted down. The demonstration of the workers' hostility to arbitration was by no means so convincing as a secret ballot of the workers would have been, but the voice vote seemed to have been pretty conclusive. Arbitration seems as unpopular with the workers here as the Communist argument in refusing workers' demands in China. The deadlock seems likely to go on a long time. In one case the workers' demands were submitted four months ago.

The Chinese Reform Association has suggested that the Government and public organisations should intervene on the ground that the whole community is affected, and that the Government should order the resumption of the tram service, leaving the actual settlement to be decided later. The further suggestion was made that a round table conference should be called to devise ways and means of bringing about a settlement. But what is wanted is not a talkfest with everybody talking at once and seldom to the point, but a specific enquiry which will establish the facts in the basic issue at stake now in all the industries which have been asked to pay an extra three dollars a day.

A circular was sent out to all the Colonial Governments in 1941 by the Colonial Secretary in the Churchill war-time Government urging the establishment of a Labour Advisory Board in all the Colonies. This was to consist of representatives of employers and workers "as evenly balanced as possible," and an independent Chairman, with powers to co-opt additional members with specialised knowledge as and when required. Such Boards would have powers to discuss a wide range of affairs, including fundamental Labour legislation, wage rates, cost of living, unemployment relief, workers', recruitment, and other topics.

A Board of this sort has been established in Hong Kong, but it has met only at rare intervals. It consists of three representatives of European employers, three of Chinese employers, and three of the Labour Unions, with the Commissioner of Labour as Chairman. A new Board is due to be appointed now. We suggest a chartered accountant or independent statistician be co-opted, and that the Board be asked at once to go into the question of the actual cost of living, and to establish a reasonably true index which will be a better guide than the present rough and ready system on which the rehabilitation allowance is based. It would be essential, of course, that the workers' representatives should be elected and thus have the confidence of the men. The balance could be improved, too, with advantage. The public would then be entitled to expect both parties to agree to the immediate resumption of any suspended service pending the submission of the Board's report, which negotiations could again be taken up on the basis of its findings. In Britain the index is decisive —why not here too?

QUESTIONS CONCERNING ASIA AND THE COLOMBO MEETING

By "Windrush"

In yesterday's article there was an outline of some of the questions which are being discussed at the moment at the Colombo Conference. The list was not complete. Many other questions may be raised. The procedure is informal. Any foreign minister at the Conference can raise whatever question interests him.

The Asian Dominion may wish to know more about British plans in Malaya. Great Britain has announced that it has abandoned its career as an imperial power. What, then, is she doing in Malaya? The continued success of the Communists in Malaya in defying the British military drive against them shows that Malaya is definitely a problem case.

Probably the British Foreign Secretary would welcome the opportunity of explaining the British position in Malaya. Great Britain has nothing to hide, and nothing really to be ashamed of there, except perhaps a certain inefficiency in dealing with the Communist rebellion.

The record since the war shows that Great Britain is pressing on with the preparations for making Malaya self-governing. The political reforms and the setting up of the University of Malaya are significant actions. But nobody who knows Malaya would claim that at this stage Great Britain could make a simple transfer of power.

To whom should power be transferred? The population of Malaya is divided between Malays, Chinese and Indians. The Chinese are in a small majority. The three communities had great difficulty in collaboration. Malaya has to go through a period of constructive political evolution before it can stand on its own feet.

Point of interest

All this is true. Yet the Asian Dominions may have many questions to ask about how Great Britain proposes to end the Communist rebellion. The British Government has announced too often that the rebellion is in its last stages. The Asian Dominions have every reason to be interested. After all, it is Malayan exports which provide a high percentage of the dollar earnings of the sterling area.

Burma is another hard problem. Burma put itself out of the Commonwealth by its own decisions. Nobody in the Commonwealth wishes to lure it back. But since Burma is a neighbour, state of both India and East Pakistan, the continuance of its present anarchy raises problems for the Commonwealth. Various plans have been discussed for Commonwealth aid to the Burma government which would not impair Burmese sovereignty. The conference may be a useful opportunity for continuing these discussions.

India may wish to raise the question of Tibet. The Chinese Communists have announced several times that they intend to "liberate" Tibet in the past, Delhi, for security reasons, has always regarded the autonomy of Tibet as a vital Indian interest. If India wishes to continue this policy, it will probably want to know what support it could receive from the Commonwealth in resisting a Chinese attack on Tibet.

All the countries of the Commonwealth will have much to discuss about American policy. We are in a stage of world evolution where neither Great Britain nor any country of the Commonwealth can decide its attitude on major questions without asking what backing it can expect from America.

The difficulty is that American policy, though far less inactive than before the war, is still vacillating, and not easily calculable. America, because of its constitution and the special nature of its domestic politics, takes longer than most countries to make up its mind.

There is an interesting example of this at the present time. It was hoped that the Colombo Conference would be able to give its views on America's proposals for the peace treaty with Japan. But, months after they were expected to be ready, these proposals have not been put forward. American views on the future of Japan are still too divided for America to have a policy. This is an example of American delays.

The British Government hopes that the Conference will not have to consider either the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir, and economic matters, or the dispute between India, Pakistan and South Africa over racial policies. Its view is that the conference should not concern itself with quarrels between members of the Commonwealth. If it did so, the air would be poisoned. It would be impossible to reach agreement on constructive common policies.

This is a convincing argument. Yet it does not alter the fact that it is lamentable that there should be no machinery for dealing with disputes within the Commonwealth except by reference to the Security Council or Trusteeship Council of the United Nations.

Many people have felt that here was a gap in the machinery of Commonwealth co-operation. Perhaps the new Australian Government, which has proclaimed its wish to knit the Commonwealth more closely together, would take the initiative in proposing the system for Commonwealth arbitration and reconciliation. But the place to discuss this proposal would be, not the present conference of foreign ministers, but the next conference of Commonwealth prime ministers.

DESERT MAGINOT LINE OF FLESH AND BLOOD

By Julian Meltzer

Not long ago a dark, hatchetfaced man in his middle 40's sat in a clandestine Tel-Aviv headquarters and pored over reports transmitted through secret underground grapevines.

Very few who worked under him in Haganah, the Jewish Resistance organisation in British Palestine, were aware of his identity. To those who knew his real function he went under a revolutionary nom de guerre.

For years he had served with the French Foreign Legion, was a skilled tactician. Then, as chief of Haganah's intelligence system, he centralised information on Arab war plans after the British withdrawal from the Holy Land.

He helped to formulate defence strategy until the Jews in Palestine were strong enough to take offensive action.

Today that man is one of the top planners of Israel's struggling frontier defences. He shares the responsibility in preparing for what many believe will be a further hurricane of violence in the Middle East's tempestuous political climate.

The vest-pocket State with an area of less than 5,000 square miles has nearly 1,000 miles of convoluting land boundaries with Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and the Hashemite Jordan kingdom.

Crossings and infiltrations into Israel from the neighbouring Arab territories are comparatively easy to experienced desert raiders. And the next round in the struggle, if, and when it develops, will be joined by highly trained guerilla forces, according to available information.

Defence in depth

A new technique is being worked out to provide defence in depth for any emergency situation which may next confront the small Israeli republic. It includes both static posts and mobile striking forces.

The system devised might be called Israels' version of the 1939 Maginot Line—but it is a Maginot Line of flesh and blood, manned by tough young men and women. They combine the roles of farmers and fighters.

On the fringes of the Southland region of Israel, known as the Negev, security zones have been established under Government legislation. Within them, frontier villages are being set up. They are chosen for their strategic vantage points.

The settlers are trained in combat tactics as well as the latest agricultural methods designed to win the wilderness back to fertility. They will be the first line in the human "Maginot" defences in case of attack.

Fighting nation

Behind them the newly formed Frontier Force will swing into action, to be followed by Regular army units. The point-duty villagers, the patrol forces, and the army are under a co-ordinated central command.

Israel's man-power for the dual job of quelling riot and turmoil is coming from the tens of thousands of newcomers now pouring in. Conscription for military eligibles begins at the quayside. The draftees go straight to training camps to start army life.

It is all part of the over-all policy to make Israel a fighting nation.

But the leaders believe it essential to have all sorts and conditions of people to create a "normal" citizenry. They say there cannot be a prefabricated Israel people; the process of manufacturing the human raw material is possible only in Israel—not outside it.

First, there are no longer the rigid standards of selection at ports of immigrant departure as there were under the British Government in Palestine.

One criterion

British quotas for Jewish newcomers were restricted by the 1939 White Paper policy, and consequently Jewish Agency officials issued the allotted immigration certificates sparingly to the most qualified candidates. There were chosen for physical ability as land settlers or for industrial skill.

Today the only criterion is whether a person is Jewish. No other discrimination exists. And so whole communities are on the move to Israel from Europe, Turkey, North Africa, and Asia.

Secondly, the new Israel is a medley of habits, usages, and customs bred by varying environments, often poles apart, of scattered Jewish communities.

Clashes of temperament, psychology, and outlook are inevitable.

Thirdly, public officials are frankly concerned over the arrival of "social problem" elements from the under-privileged sections of big cities in Morocco and Algeria.

Risks accepted

But their way of tackling the situation is not to keep these people out; they are thinking in terms of a broad programme of social and moral re-education.

Israel's Government leaders are taking the risks involved, they say, so that the principle of human dignity and the rights of man may be established.

The principle is considered highly important by Jews, who have had a long record of suffering under persecution.

These are some of the factors in the truncated Holy Land where Israel has its State. Other grave problems remain to be solved. Chiefly they concern the sustenance as well as the structure of the new society.

On Swiss model

President Chaim Weizmann, world-famed chemist, has often said that the Jews in Israel must develop science and skill as the dominant features of a sound new economy. He has taken Switzerland as a model in his championship of the commercial application of laboratory research.

Yet as Israel's society grows the conditions of its security will always be governed by the proximity of the vast, sullen desert's fringing the long Eastern frontiers.

Whether the "Maginot Line" of blood and flesh will ever be tested by a fresh onslaught—the "second round" of which the Arab Middle East talks so often—is a Sphinx-like riddle to which nobody as yet has the answer.

Quirino may have operation

Baltimore, January 11.

It may be a day or so before doctors know whether they will have to operate on President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines. This was announced today by a Johns Hopkins hospital spokesman.

President Quirino underwent X-ray examinations today. It was the start of a series of tests which Hopkins specialists and the President's own physician are making to determine if he should undergo a kidney stone operation.

A Hopkins spokesman reported that Mr. Quirino slept well on Tuesday night, his first in the hospital, and was in good spirits that morning. He could have no breakfast because of the X-ray examinations.

Dr. Lay Martin visited him tonight and gave him the physical check-up which is routine for all patients entering the hospital. Dr. W.A.C. Colston, urological specialist, made arrangements to see the President today. Dr. Colston is in charge of the case. He will perform the operation if one is decided upon. Dr. Agerico Sison, Mr. Quirino's personal physician, accompanied him through the series of tests.

Mr. Quirino received a basket of flowers on Tuesday night from Cardinal Spellman of the New York Catholic Diocese. An aide to the Cardinal said he plans to come here and visit Mr. Quirino. No date was set. They have met several times before.—Associated Press.

INDO-PERSIAN TRADE PACT

New Delhi, January 11.

India and Persia are signing on Thursday a preliminary trade pact to further bilateral commerce, which at present stands at 700,000,000 rials annually.

Patholiah Noury Esfandiary, member of the Persian High Council of the Seven-Year Plan and leader of a five-man economic mission to India who is signing on behalf of his country, said this pact is the forerunner of a fuller treaty of commerce and navigation, the draft of which is being examined by both Governments.

The preliminary pact aims to remove exchange difficulties and other import-export restrictions at present hampering trade.

India and Persia have agreed to grant residence permits to each other's traders. Persia has agreed to allow greater import of Indian cotton hosiery and handloom products and greater facility for shipping.

India's imports are mainly carpets, saffron and dry fruit.—Associated Press.

Peaky.

"Britain needs 1,130 taipans."

I would say this opens up an entirely new export field for Hong Kong.

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Local waiters donged a customer on the head with a piece of wood when he complained.

If this sort of thing becomes common, I'm going to start looking for my old steel helmet again.

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As I was telling Myrtle the other night, I learned to rumba at an early age. I had a tricycle with a loose saddle.

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Farming it out.

The strike menace now looks like affecting our bread and butter.

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I note that another "large quantity of new female fur coats" has arrived from Peiping.

They are not, however, regarded as more deadly than the mail.

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The weather has been so bad in the North of England recently that when the sun finally shone for a few hours one day, a local editor headed the story, "Prodigal sun returns."

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"Beer production difficult."
Trouble brewing.

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A contemporary reports that a woman "was looking for her husband who was a worker factory in town."

He had probably gone across the border to join the other heroic Stakhanovites.

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I suppose honesty
Is really the best policy.
But I know several chaps
Who've done awfully well by
letting it lapse.

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"When I was in Africa I used to play gin-rummy with the tribal warriors."

"Zulus?"

"No, as a matter of fact, I came out pretty well."

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"Englishmen love a friendly game of cards."

And then, of course, there's bridge.

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"Old George is terribly mean. Someone ought to tell him he won't be able to take it with him when he dies."

"Listen, old boy. If George can't take it with him, he won't go!"

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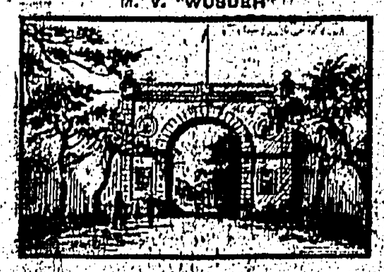

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Government defied by two big industries

ANTI-NATIONALISATION DRIVE

London, January 11.

First shots in the general election battle were fired by leaders of Britain's big sugar and cement industries today by defying the Labour Government's warnings on anti-nationalisation propaganda.

Both industries are threatened with nationalisation if Labour wins the election on February 23

Lord Lyle, President of the £8,000,000 Tate and Lyle Sugar Industry, declared that the sugar industry will continue its campaign against the threat of nationalisation.

The Government has warned [illegible] official period of [illegible] that the cost of propaganda by which both sides [illegible] under the Corrupt Practices Act of Parliament.

[illegible] candidate [illegible] Mr. Attlee and Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative Leader, is due to give [illegible] television broadcast between [illegible] and the end of the month.

Radio talks

It is today announced that the British Broadcasting Corporation will provide time for radio talks by Party politicians [illegible]

[illegible] Socialist and Conservative Parties each with 400 candidates, as the Government proposes to do, will be entitled to 7 broadcasts [illegible]

[illegible] Conservatives and Liberals are already becoming the target of considerable exhortation both for and against the Government.

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Little quarter

The [illegible] Party in the election will demand the nation's support on the highest [illegible] in view of the certainty the success [illegible] a failure of Socialism.

The antagonists expect little quarter from each other, realising that the losing party in the 1950 election may suffer a political setback for many years to come.

Mountainous accumulations of electioneering literature now being scattered over the country by the various parties include many brickbats which may lose none of their force because they are made of paper.

On balance the Conservative Opposition seems to have achieved a start over the Socialists with propagation of the spoken word. Its pamphlet range includes everything from slushing attacks on the Socialist nationalisation policy to graphs countering the claim that Socialism means full employment.

A Conservative chart for the period from 1920 to 1939 asserts that unemployment has always risen sharply under Socialist governments while it has dropped under those with a Conservative majority.

Socialist campaigners retort by stressing that full employment has been maintained throughout the present Socialist administration, elected in 1945.

Flying start for Socialists

Though the Socialist propaganda printing presses may be lagging behind, the Government Party has achieved a flying start in the week-end talking marathons—somewhat to the discomfiture of the Opposition.

A leading Conservative newspaper recently stated that the ratio of Monday morning Press publicity given to week-end—and particularly Sunday — speeches was eight to one in favour of the Government.

Among Government leaders who have been scoring valuable "duffies" in the national press, including Opposition organs, are the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is directing the election strategy of the Socialist Party: Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General; Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister; and Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister.

Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Conservative Party, has expressed himself against Sunday speeches, arguing that that is the day people go to church.

Commenting on the situation, Lord Beaverbrook's Conservative "Evening Standard," which often takes an independent line of argument, said, "If the Tories want to win the next General Election they must change their present rule of a slothful week-end."

Every Saturday and every Sunday, Socialist Ministers go out into the country, and attack the Tories by word of mouth. On the radio, Sunday nights and in the Monday morning newspapers, the Socialists get all the propaganda. "There is nothing from the Tories, they have been dumb."

The "Evening Standard", speed-boxing a few Tory Party leaders [illegible] did speak at the week-end, advised the Party to follow the Socialist example.

Socialist successes

The election fighting organisation of the Conservative Party was generally believed some months ago to have reached a point of efficiency rivalling or surpassing that of the Socialists.

But recent events, including the Socialist Parliamentary by-election success at South Bradford and the Party's local government win in North Kensington, London, have warned the Opposition that nothing must be taken for granted.

The Socialists have an election "flying squad" which turns out for battle immediately a breach in defences is threatened. It has operated with telling effect at a number of by elections.

Both the main parties are keeping a finger on the pulse of every constituency in the country, and Socialists are at present digesting a national survey of electoral feeling which was obtained from local party managers on the order of headquarters.

Every political candidate on both sides carries in his brief case, like the field-marshal's baton in the knapsack of Napoleon's soldiers, formidable campaign guides to candidates.

These guides contain enough material in praise of the Party and denunciation of the political enemy to ensure a battle royal as the campaign progresses.

It is generally accepted that election victory lies either with the Socialists or Conservatives.

But the Liberal Party, which has scant hope of becoming the government, may have a vital effect upon the verdict.

The Liberals intend to put forward 400 candidates. If they are able to do this, by splitting the anti-Socialist vote, they may appreciably increase the present Government's chances of return. —Reuter.

New York, January 11.

Commercial and industrial failures in the United States totalled 161 during the week ended January 5, Dun and Bradstreet reported. It compared with 128 for the corresponding week a year ago.—Associated Press.

Churchill flying to UK

Funchal, Madeira, January 11.

Mr. Winston Churchill is making arrangements to fly to London on Thursday by an Aquila Airways seaplane, weather permitting.

This reported decision of the leader of the Opposition party followed Tuesday's midnight announcement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, of February 23 as the date of the general election.

Mr. Churchill was due to leave by sea next Monday.

If there is no room on the plane for all members of his party, they are to follow in the liner Pretoria Castle later. —Associated Press.

OMINOUS SIGN FOR TIBET

London, January 12.

The signs grew more ominous for Tibet today.

Report from Bhutan State, on the main route from India to the cloud-wrapped land in Central Asia ruled by the boy Dalai Lama, said a Communist puppet government for Tibet has been formed in the neighbouring Chinese province of Tsinghai.

The Bhutan reports said the four divisions of Tibetans are being trained for the service of the puppet government, and that a treaty with the regime provides that Chinese Communists, upon "liberation of Tibet" will administer its foreign affairs and be given sole rights for mining its minerals believed to include uranium.

At the same time, a report of the official Chinese Communist News Agency broadcast from Peking renewed threats of invasion Tibet.

The broadcast said that all the China mainland with the exception of Tibet had been brought under the Red banner.

The broadcast said that among the task remaining was the "liberation" of Tibet and the Nationalist islands of Taiwan and Hainan.

The Communists said that the revolts of the Governors of Sikang and Yunnan Provinces ended the campaign in South and South West China.—Associated Press and Reuter.

RECRUITS WANTED FOR COLONIES

London, January 11.

Britain needs 1,130 highly qualified men and women as recruits for senior posts in the Colonial Service, an official booklet on appointments in the Service disclosed today.

Nearly three-quarters of these are wanted for East, West and Central Africa. The next biggest demand comes from South East Asia. More than 1,400 picked men and women were accepted for the higher branches of the Service in 1949. The rate of recruitment showed a considerable improvement over that for the two previous years.—Reuter.

LABOUR CHAIRMAN CONFIDENT

Tel Aviv, January 11.

Changes in the Government if Labour returns to power in Britain's general election on February 23 were forecast today by Mr. Sam Watson, Chairman of the British Labour Party.

Mr. Watson, who is on a visit to Israel, told a Press conference here: "I think Labour will win because we have better leadership."—Reuter.

"KEEP LEFT" MANIFESTO BY LABOUR MP'S

London, January 11.

A group of 12 Labour Members of Parliament today published a new "Keep Left" manifesto which their leader, Mr. R. H. Crossman, described as "the way to win the general election."

The policy surprised political observers by the way in which it keeps within the Party line, particularly in foreign policy.

Mr. Crossman and others of the 12 have been in the past severe critics of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Main deviations from the Government include criticism of the annual defence bill of £760,000,000 which is considered excessive, and opposition to peacetime military conscription.

The group includes three Parliamentary private secretaries to Government Ministers.

The manifesto says, "We reject utterly the Russian exploitation of Communist parties and regimes for extending the Soviet Empire".

It declares that a prime responsibility of British Socialism is to "expose the fallacy" that military strength is the sole bulwark against Communism.

"The first line of Democracy's defence must be a policy of full employment and fair shares."

Integration of Europe

"Britain, in concert with the Brussels Powers should initiate new proposals for the elimination, under international control and inspection, of mass destruction weapons such as the atom bomb.

"The only hope of German democracy depends on preventing her re-militarisation. British Labour should support the French Government and the German Social Democrats in unreservedly opposing the re-armament of Western Germany, and should seek to make the Ruhr Authority really effective."

The manifesto goes on to declare that Britain should continue to oppose "all short cuts" to a united Europe by way of Customs or currency unions "which would expose our full employment economy to the tender mercies of continental bankers and would, therefore, produce a slump throughout Western Europe."

Socialist plans for European integration should include planned capital investment, joint bulk purchase of scarce dollar commodities and internationalisation of Western European transport with a single pan-European airways corporation.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN CLAIM AGAINST SOVIET

Vienna, January 11.

Austria is counter-claiming 240 million schillings from the Soviet Union for civilian occupation costs against the Soviet claim of 155 million schillings for post-war aid costs, according to Austrian Government sources here today.

Russia, they said, had accepted in principle the Austrians' right to make counter-claims and Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor, put the claim forward on December 5.

The Soviet representative at daily meetings with Austrian officials were saying that they were still awaiting instructions from Moscow on this point and this was the reason for the present delay in the treaty negotiations.—Reuter.

ELECTION DATE NOT LIKED

Deal, January 11.

The Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, is getting a complaint about the election date he has chosen from the Anglican parishes around Deal.

Lay and clerical representatives of all parties in the deanery of Sandwich met in Deal on Tuesday night, before his announcement that the election would be on February 23.

They passed a resolution noting that was the rumoured date and objecting to it on the ground that it would cause election eve rallies to fall on Ash Wednesday.

The resolution pointed out that everybody is supposed to go to church on Ash Wednesday, and most people could go only to the evening service.

"It is, in the opinion of this meeting," it said, "unworthy of a Christian country that political meetings should be arranged at the same time."

Those at the meeting agreed to send copies of the resolution to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Churchill, the Archbishop of Canterbury and local candidates for Parliament. —Associated Press.

'Frog-men' search for missing boy

Wolverhampton, January 10.

Six "frog-men" in rubber suits and diving helmets used by a wartime hero and winner of the Victoria Cross, today again descended to the muddy bed of the Birmingham Canal here to search for the body of five-year-old Jimmy Poole, who has been missing since Christmas Day.

The leader of the divers is Lieutenant Ian Fraser, who won the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest military award, for midget submarine operations in Singapore against the Japanese.

The frog-men had been working by floodlight until 8.30 p.m. last night, combing over 600 yards of the Canal bed which could not be drained. If their search of the Canal is unsuccessful, they will try two pools near the boy's home.

Jimmy was last seen standing in the headlights of a car on a bridge over the Canal. Scotland Yard experts were called in after a widespread search in Central England.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Rome, January 11.

The Italian Government, headed by the Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, resigned tonight. This followed a Cabinet meeting today which discussed the resignation following the long drawn out Cabinet crisis, provoked by the withdrawal of three right wing Socialist Ministers in October.

The split gave rise last month to the formation of a new Italian Socialist grouping.

The new Government is expected to include the right wing Socialists who agreed on renewed collaboration at their recent conference in Naples.

It is likely to leave in opposition the two other competing Socialist parties. Other parties of the Coalition will be the majority Christian Democrats, the Republicans and the Liberals.

Signor de Gasperi, leader of the Christian Democrats, is expected to form a new Government—his sixth in 19 months—by the end of this week or the beginning of the next.

The biggest Opposition party when the new Cabinet is formed will still be the Communists, who are second in strength only to the Christian Democrats.

The three anti-Communist Socialist Ministers, including Signor Giuseppe Saragat, resigned to deal with a split in their party, a third of their followers having broken away to form a new Opposition party.

At least two of these Ministers are expected to join the new Cabinet.

The Cabinet Ministers of Signor de Gasperi's Government deposited their resignations tonight with the Prime Minister, who will hand them tomorrow to the President of the Republic, Signor Luigi Einaudi.—Reuter.

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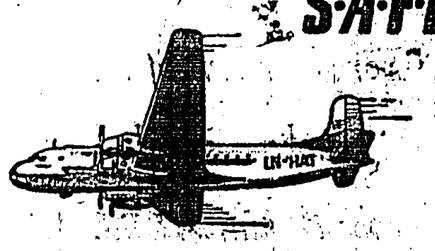

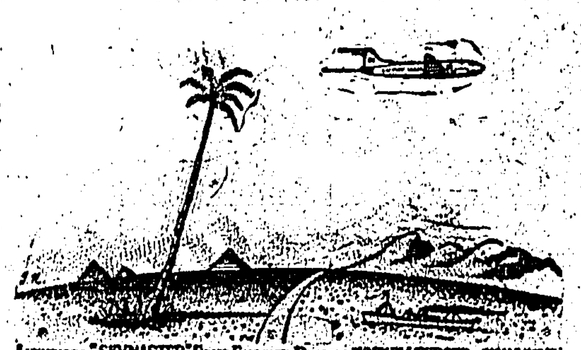

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MAO RECEIVED BY SHVERNIK

London, January 11.

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, head of China's Communist Government, was received today in Moscow by N. O. Shvernik, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, according to a Moscow Radio report distributed in London by the Soviet monitor.

The Presidium is a continuing committee from both houses of the Russian legislature and is the instrument through which Russia is ruled by force.

Mr. Mao has been in Moscow nearly a month for talks with Russian leaders. He has previously been received by Premier Josef Stalin.

Mr. Mao paid his respects to Lenin, father of Russian Communism, when he went to the Red Square today and laid a wreath on Lenin's tomb.

Moscow Radio said it bore this inscription in both Chinese and Russian

"To the great teacher of the revolution, Lenin. Mao Tse-tung, Wednesday, January 11, 1950."

Mr. Mao will have every opportunity of observing at first hand how the Soviet Union prepares for nationwide elections.

Electoral laws

Russia has perhaps the biggest electorate in the world. Official figures at the last general election in February, 1946, put the total vote at more than 100,000,000.

The new Soviet election, according to an announcement, will take place on March 12.

There has been no announcement by Mr. Mao whether he plans to be here in March, but if he has returned to China by then, he will have had an opportunity to see all the preparations.

Laws and regulations governing the elections were announced today.

All papers carry two full pages of details, and radio is broadcasting them to every corner of the land.

Thousands of election districts will shortly be announced.

Soviet voters include all males and females who are 18 or over.

Voters ballot for a block of candidates, and this is made up of Communist and non-party men.

China's problem

China, too, must hold a a general election sometime, and many of the questions that face the Russians will face the Chinese.

Both are vast countries with large populations.

The USSR sees to it that no matter how isolated a settlement may be, ballots get to the voters and they vote.

This, too, will be one of China's problems. Mr. Mao will see how the Russians organise the getting of the ballots to these far-away places, how they ship voting literature to them and information about the candidates.

Mr. Mao has said he wants to see at first-hand various "cultural institutions of the Soviet Union."

The voting organisation—nominations, divisions of districts, how the Supreme Soviet is constituted—all this could come under that heading, and with Mr. Mao here during these pre-election days, he will have ample opportunity of seeing all this at work. —Associated Press.

WAFDIST TRIUMPH

Cairo, January 11.

Egypt's Nationalistic Wafd Party had captured 225 seats in the new 319-seat Parliament when results after the second ballot in 77 constituencies were announced tonight.

The Saadists the majority party in the outgoing Coalition had won 26, the Liberals 26, the Nationalists six, the Socialists one, the Independents 33 and the Kotla Party nil

Second ballots were necessary because the leading candidates had failed to get more than half the total votes polled in last week's general election, as required under the Constitution.

The Wafdists, who boycotted Egypt's last general election in 1945, now have more than twice as many seats as all the other parties combined in the new Chamber of Deputies

Their leader, Mustapha El Nahas Pasha, was seeing King Farouk tonight for the first time since his dismissal from the Premiership in October, 1944, which led to the last election

Nahas Pasha tonight told Reuter that the composition of his new all-Wafdist Cabinet was complete and it was ready to take over the reins of government.

The "caretaker" Prime Minister, Sirry Pasha, is expected to resign tomorrow and to take the post of "Chief de Cabinet du Roi" (the King's Principal Private Secretary).

King Farouk will receive Nahas Pasha in the afternoon and the new Cabinet will be sworn in tomorrow night.—Reuter.

ROSSELLINI DIVORCE

Turin, January 11.

The Court of Appeals here is expected to discuss an appeal by the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, on Friday for recognition of an Austrian divorce from his wife, Marcella de Marchis.

Rossellini, who was divorced from his wife in Vienna in 1942 plans to wed actress Ingrid Bergmann as soon as her divorce from her husband, Dr. Linstrom, comes through.

Lawyers for Lindstrom and Miss Bergmann at present are working out a divorce agreement in the United States.

Rossellini's Austrian divorce has never been legally recognised in Italy.—United Press.

Announcement expected on Mao mission

Moscow, January 11.

Western observers, who are intensely interested in Mao Tse-tung's talks with the Soviet Government, said an official announcement of some sort may be expected soon on agreements which are being worked out by the Chinese Communists and the Russians.

It is regarded as likely that Mr. Mao soon will visit outlying areas of the Soviet Union.

More than a week ago, Mr. Mao told a Tass correspondent that he came to Moscow to work out agreements including the question of a Soviet-Chinese treaty of friendship, alliance and trade. Since then, there has been no announcement on the progress of his talks.—Associated Press.

No trace of missing Americans

Manila, January 12.

A 13th Air Force rescue squadron patrol passed the native village of Hungduan last night and headed out for Kianguan the nearest settlement, this morning after failing to find the two missing American university professors.

According to a message relayed to search headquarters at Camp John Hay, Baguio, a six-man patrol aided by native trackers had found no trace of Dr. Robert F. Conklin and Professor Marvin Pittman, of the University of the Philippines' staff, after Christmas Day.

The professors were then four days out on a 10-day hike which would have brought them back to Baguio by January 1.

The message from the patrol, carried by runner to the base camp and then sent by radio to Camp Hay, made no mention of contacting William Beyer, who entered Hungduan yesterday from the East after being set down in a jungle clearing by a helicopter. Headquarters officials said that Beyer presumably is with the patrol now, headed for Kianguan. Beyer has previously explored much of the high mountain region where the professors were last reported.

Pending arrival of the patrol at Kianguan, on the East side of the mountains, further search plans were held in abeyance. Officials in charge want to get a detailed report on what the patrol found before starting into the jungle area again.

Half a dozen Air Force planes combed Mount Pulog, many miles South of the area where the foot patrol is searching, yesterday without finding any clue.

The mountain is jungle-covered in its lower reaches, but has many clear spots near its 9,613-foot summit. The search was made at the request of Mrs. Conklin, who is in the United States. She cabled that her husband once explored Pulog many years ago.

No trails lead from the Hungduan regio directly to Pulog, and the professors would have had to backtrack if they had decided to go to that area.

Two Philippines Constabularymen, who were lost from their search party overnight, stumbled out of the mountains near Loo, original starting point of Conklin's hike.—Associated Press.

REGULATIONS BY TAIPEH

Taipeh, January 11.

Reliable sources said today that the Nationalist government will announce by the week-end detailed regulations governing the movement and activities of citizens, ships and planes of countries which have broken off diplomatic relations with the Nationalists.—United Press.

COLOMBO CONFERENCE DISCUSSES COMMUNIST MENACE IN SE ASIA

Colombo, January 11.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, today urged the Commonwealth to be realistically prepared for the worst in assessing the repercussions of the Chinese Red victory on South East Asia.

Mr. MacDonald told the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference that Indo-China, Siam and Burma are the countries most immediately vulnerable to Communist infiltration.

Mr. MacDonald added that the disruption of rice production in Siam and Burma was an economic menace.

The conference is expected to end this week-end and already the delegations are making plans on this basis.

It is even thought likely that all business can be concluded by Friday evening.

Earlier this week conference officials had suggested that the conference should go on to January 18.

The quick disposal of the Japanese peace treaty discussion during the pre-lunch sitting today helped considerably to tighten up the conference programme.

Two factors contributed to the shortness of the discussion on Japan. Firstly, there was a large degree of unanimity on the need for concluding a peace treaty with Japan at an early date, and, secondly, it was not thought possible to take the subject any further at this stage in view of the many other Powers, particularly the United States, who are vitally interested in the subject.

Divergent views

The conference, therefore decided to keep the subject under constant review by a committee representing the Commonwealth nations. This committee, observers believed, will probably be composed of Commonwealth High Commissioners in London.

Today's discussions revealed views on Japan which placed India at one extreme and Australia at the other.

Pandit Nehru, the India Prime Minister, strongly supported a quick settlement of the Japanese issue under conditions that will allow Japan economic rehabilitation, political self-determination and an early withdrawal of occupation forces.

Australia, supported by New Zealand, stressed security problems as top priority.

Canada's External Affairs Minister Mr. Lester B. Pearson, while allowing full value to the desirability of an early settlement made an appraisal of the difficulties in the way of such a solution.

On legal grounds, he reminded Ministers that a formal peace conference with two Communists present would meet an insurmountable difficulty in agreeing on a common approach.

On practical grounds, as representative of the neighbour of the United States, he felt that the Commonwealth Powers ought to understand the position of America as the occupying Power with security responsibility.

Friendly atmosphere

Divergencies in emphasis over the Japanese treaty talks did not mar the friendly atmosphere.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, opened the discussion and delegates reported that he was in excellent form throughout the session.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, British Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, told reporters after the session that the Ministers had had "a very good day and a most useful discussion."

Mr. Pearson went out of this way to ridicule a local newspaper report attributed to the correspondent of one London newspaper that the conference was dragging through waning enthusiasm and that the British election announcement made delegates feel that in the event of a Conservative victory the present British delegation's views might be repudiated.

On the contrary, he asserted that the talks covering widely different regional approaches had revealed all delegates as essentially reasonable and understanding.

Sources close to the conference said that South Africa's approach was cautious, influenced mainly by her regard for Australia's point of view and her desire to see Japan become self-supporting again.

Red danger

Mr. MacDonald's review of South-East Asia was presented frankly as personal impressions.

While hoping for the best he urged the Commonwealth to be realistically prepared for the worst in assessing the repercussions of the Chinese Communist victory on South-East Asia.

Taking up the theme already touched on yesterday of China's "fifth column" potential, Mr. MacDonald was reported to have singled out Indo-China, Siam and Burma as the most immediately vulnerable to Communist infiltration.

He said that disruption of rice production in Siam and Burma, a by-product of the unsettled conditions in South East Asia, was an economic menace.

Among hopeful sides of the picture, according to informed sources Mr. MacDonald listed the transfer of power in Indonesia and Indo-China.

He saw ex-Emperor Bao Dai's prospects of restoring a peaceful and independent administration in Indo-China as much improved and thought that Bao Dai was in no way a French puppet.

Recovery steps

Mr. MacDonald described the latest results in the war against the Malayan terrorists.

He said that there are about 4,000 terrorists and their replacements are often Chinese immigrants.

Broad agreement was again evident among Commonwealthe members today that the Commonwealth must make its contribution to the financial and economic recovery of South East Asia if it is intelligently to prevent the spread of Communism.

This is expected to lead to a more detailed discussion tomorrow on how such contribution can be made.

The Australian delegation circulated a memorandum on ways and means of tackling Commonwealth aid to South East Asia. This memorandum will be discussed tomorrow.

It is anticipated that Commonwealth financial aid to Burma will also be among tomorrow's topics.

The Ceylon delegation, like Australia's was described as showing keen interest in projects for econmic aid to South East Asia.

Nehru's views

In today's talks, delegates noticed that Pandit Nehru, when discussing the Communist danger in Asia, always referred to "Russian influence," drawing a distinction between Communism as such and the influence of Moscow's foreign policy.

Observers believe this distinction significant for understanding his whole approach to the Chinese problem.

Standards of living must be raised and States in South East Asia given national status if Communism is to be stopped in the area, Pandit Nehru told the conference.

He was joined in this call by a delegate from Pakistan during discussions on political and economic conditions in South East Asia. It was generally agreed that economic assistance would not be enough to prevent the spread of Communism, and that States must be contented and independent.

Moscow Radio, commenting late last night on the conference, alleged that "the very fact that Foreign Secretary Bevin and his colleagues fear publicity shows that a new plot against the nations is in preparation."

The commentator added "Diplomatic recognition of the Chinese People's Republic by the Labour Government of Britain does not mean any change in the Imperialist trend of British foreign policy. Both Churchill and Bevin, representing as they do the interest of the British monopolies, have the same desire: to suppress the peoples of the colonies and strangle the national liberation movement in South East Asia."

Main issue at the conference, he said, was "the intensification of imperialist expansion and the creation of a Pacific bloc to supplement the aggressive North Atlantic bloc."—Reuter and Associated Press.

FATE OF U.S. AIRMAN

Washington, January 11.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said the United States will attempt to approach the Chinese Communist authorities to determine the fate of the American pilot of the Chinese Civil Air Transport plane which was forced down near the Vietnam border on December 4.

He said that State Department has just been advised from Hong Kong that the plane, which first was believed to have landed in Vietnam, actually came down in Chinese Communist territory.

Mr. McDermott said that although it was reported that the aircraft was forced down and may have crashed, he understood that the pilot, James McGovern, was not injured.

The other two members of the crew, Chinese nationals, also were understood to be unhurt.

He said the United States would ask the Chinese Communist authorities to report on the welfare and safety of the pilot.—United Press.

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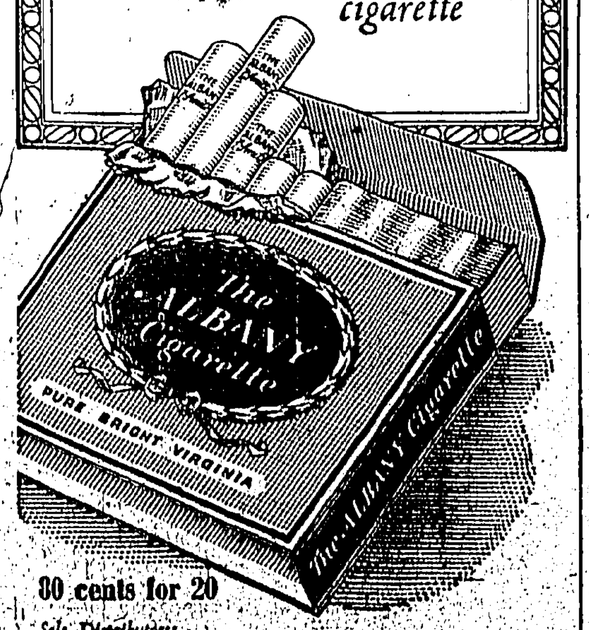

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CHINESE FARMERS STILL CARRYING HEAVIEST BURDEN

The change-over from Nationalism to Communism has done nothing to relieve the burden of the Chinese farmers, who are still carrying the heaviest load of any class in China.

They are bearing the brunt of financing the war of "liberation," the vast Communist army of four to five million men, the Government and also industrial revival.

Soviet machinery now being supplied to Manchuria is bartered for food requisitioned from the Manchurian farmers.

According to the chairman of the Manchurian people's Government, Kao Kang, over 4,000,000 tons of food were "contributed" to the Government by the farmers during the last three years. One-third of this was used to buy industrial equipment.

According to the Communist Finance Minister, Po I-po, the farmers will be required to continue to bear the major share of financing the Government. He said in his budget speech on December 2 that "public food", food requisitioned from the peasants would be the largest item on the revenue side, occupying 41.4 per cent of the total budgetary income.

The Communists, who had been attacking the Kuomintang's food requisition policy, are imposing far heavier food levies on the farmers. The levies are made in the name of requisitions, contributions and supply assessments.

The levies are imposed on big and small landowners and tenant farmers as well. In the case of tenants, they pay 70 per cent of the levies. Many farmers in the Nanking-Shanghai area offered to give their land to the Communists in lieu of levies and taxes, but the offer in all cases was rejected.

Peasant uprisings

Some farmer are compelled to sell their furniture and other kinds of movable property to meet the levies.

In some areas the Communists allowed months of grace to defaulting farmers until the next harvest for paying up the requisitions. In some places, some farmers were able to obtain remissions by pleading poverty.

But elsewhere the Communist kanpus (rank and file) were more severe, especially in villages around Hangchow where some farmers were reported to have been made to stand in the hot sun the whole day long in punishment for their inability to pay the levies.

In addition to the levies and taxes, the rural people are subjected to radical Communist rule by the "old line" unscrupulous Communist kanpu. This has resulted in widespread discontent in the rural districts and in many peasant uprisings.

In some areas farmers driven to desperation killed Communist levy collectors. In other areas farmers left their farms and fled to the cities. A small minority in North Kiangsu refused to cultivate their lands. Others in Shantung cultivated their lands but deliberately refrained from fertilising them. In some districts in the Nanking-Shanghai area farmers protested by refusing to accept the Communist currency. In the Kaochiao district South East of Shanghai, farmers declined to respond to the Communist call for repairing dykes against tidal waves.

Regimentation

Another cause of rural dissatisfaction is the Communist regimentation policy, which in many of its aspects is contrary to traditional Chinese concepts of life, such as the policy of forming village women into societies and the frequent meetings which the farmers are obliged to attend.

Due to the Communist news blockade, very little independent information has leaked out regarding conditions in the rural districts in the so-called "old liberated areas," that is, areas ruled by Communists since the Sino-Japanese war. Communist propaganda claims that the standard of living in these areas has been raised and the farmers are a happy lot.

The only independent information this correspondent has collected regarding these areas was that given him by friends.

One friend visited many villages in the "old liberated areas" about 40 miles South of Tientsin. He said he found conditions in all the villages he had visited the same. There were no houses with tiled roofs. All houses had straw roofs and were in a dilapidated state with holes in the walls. They looked as if no one had lived in them for years.

He asked one farmer why. The farmer told him, "We cannot have tiled roofs and we deliberately left our hours unrepaired, because if we have tiled roofs and repair our houses and make them look good, we will be in danger of being dubbed rich or wasting money and labour on good living and neglecting our production."

Serious problem

It was an age-old custom in these villages to have a travelling opera give performances several times a year in celebration of the harvest and other festivals. My friend found there were no more opera performances. A farmer told him, "When a travelling troupe performs here, no one goes to the show, because if we go to the show we will be in danger of being dubbed a pleasure-lover and a neglector of production."

One day he saw a man carrying water from a well a mile away from his home. The man made so many water-carrying trips that he became curious. He reasoned that the man could not have needed so much for his household use. Questioned, the man replied,

"Our village kanpu ordered me to plant cotton this season instead of wheat. There is no rain. The kanpu told me to carry water from the well to water my cotton field. He said that they do the same thing in Sulien (Soviet Russia). Probably, they do the same thing there, but may be they do it with machine power, not human power."

The widespread disillusionment and discontent has been openly admitted by Communist officials to be a serious problem. They charged that it is instigated by Kuomintang underground agents. It is conceded that the charge contained some truth, but neutral observers maintain that Communist policies are largely responsible.

Rural discontent has helped in the operation of anti-Communist forces, such as the Ninth Route Army and other so-called "anti-Communist national salvation columns." Some of these forces were formed spontaneously by the discontented farmers, some independently formed by Kuomintang stragglers and some were left behind by the Kuomintang Army command.

Many Communist-held cities in outlying districts are blockaded by resistance forces. In Tungliu district rural hostility was so tense that the Communist hsien magistrate dared not leave the city without a heavy guard, according to travellers from there. —United Press.

OFFICER ON BIGAMY CHARGE

London, January 11.

A British ex-Army officer, son-in-law of wealthy Baron de Smet de Neyer, of Belgium, was charged in London's premier criminal court, the Old Bailey, today with bigamously marrying a Secret Service agent during the war.

The officer, Edward John Woollven Wickens, aged 44, a distinguished wartime Intelligence officer in North Africa and Sicily, and now a shipping agent, was released under supervision for two years after promising to be of good behaviour.

Defending counsel said that no harm had been done to his wife whom he married at Bombay, India in 1934 in their marriage was already a disaster in 1939.

They had one child, a daughter born in 1936. Because of Mrs. Wicken's health they returned to Europe but difficulties arose because he was advised to continue living in hot countries.

They separated after he came home one day to find all the furniture removed and he sleeping on the floor of an empty room.

Wickens later met a charming well-educated woman Signorina Albertina Crico, a naturalised British Secret Service agent in Sicily. She rendered valuable service to Britain. Her life in Italy was in such danger that she had to be flown back to England in a British bomber.

She lived with Wickens as his mistress in Italy while they were engaged together on these difficult and dangerous operations.

As a member of the Italian Bar, she persuaded him that his first marriage was invalid, and they went through a bigamous ceremony in England in 1945, defending counsel added.

She had now married someone else.

Wickens, in a statement, said that Signorina Crico was responsible for the arrest of an Italian general who had ordered the shooting of two British prisoners of war. The general himself was subsequently shot.

Sir Gerald Dodson, the Recorder, told the court that he did not think a prison sentence to be necessary.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND INDO-CHINA

Paris, January 11.

M. Pierre Henri Teitgen, the French Minister of Information, said today that France will be "glad to pull out" of Indo-China, "if the Vietnam Government asks us to."

"France's armies are there not against the Vietnamese people but against Dr. Ho Chi Minh. We know that if we pulled out now, disorder would sweep Indo-China," M. Teitgen told the Anglo-American Press Association lunch.

The Auriol-Bao Dai agreements gave complete freedom to Vietnam. "If Bao Dai's Government was to ask us to occupy only these bases named in the agreements we would gladly oblige. It is now up to Bao Dai's Government to keep peace and order.

"Indo-China asked us for: (1) Independence within the framework of the French Union: (2) Our help to keep this independence. England and the United States have freed so many countries that they will understand the necessary presence of troops to achieve liberation."—Reuter.

BATTLE

U.S. carrier sails for the Pacific

Alameda, January 11.

The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Boxer left the West Coast today for its new assignment with the Seventh Task Fleet in the Western Pacific.

Two destroyers will accompany the carrier from San Diego.

The Boxer is carrying 90 planes—fighters and attack bombers.

Before leaving, Rear-Admiral W. F. Boone said: "My orders are simply to take this force and report to Vice-Admiral Russell S. Berkey, Commander of the Seventh Task Fleet."

Admiral Boone said his range of operation will be up and down the Far Western Pacific, including Japan and Singapore.—Associated Press.

U.S. decision on China approved

Pittsburgh, January 11.

Colonel Thomas Tchou, former personal secretary of Chiang Kai-shek, approves President Truman's decision not to send military aid to the Chinese Nationalist government.

Speaking before the Students' Congress of the University of Pittsburgh, Colonel Tchou said the President's action was the traditional American attitude toward China.

The former Labour Department chief in the Nationalist government believes the fall of Taiwan and Hainan islands to the Chinese Communists is only a question of time.

He declared the Communists may eventually be overrun if they do not make good on their promise to provide better government than the Nationalists.—Associated Press.

BATTLE SCENE TOO REALISTIC

Rome, January 11.

One actor was killed and three others injured today on location in Frascati, near Rome, when a live bomb exploded during the filming of a battle scene.

Domenigo Orsini, a Rome-born actor, was playing a scene in "Heroic Cavalcade," an Italian film portraying the occupation of Rome by Italian troops in 1870. Orsini, who wore the typical cock-feathered hat and the long blue jacket of the Bersagieri Infantry, was supposed to fall dead.

As he fell, the butt of his rifle hit one of the live bombs already there for a battle scene. The bomb exploded, Orsini was killed and three other actors nearby were slightly injured.—Associated Press.

SHANGHAI RAID

London, January 12.

The Soviet news agency Tass said today that Chinese Nationalist bombers killed 62 persons in a raid on Saturday on Communist-held Shanghai.

More than 40 persons were wounded and 200 houses were destroyed in the raid, Tass reported.—Associated Press.

BATTLE OVER TAIWAN

Vandenberg, Taft join forces

Washington, January 11.

Senators Arthur Vandenberg and Robert Taft—long opposed on foreign policy—joined today in a demand that Congress question the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the strategic importance of Taiwan.

In separate speeches, both Republican leaders attacked the Administration's hands-off policy toward the Chinese Nationalists' island stronghold.

Senator Vandenberg said he did not feel that the Congress had adequate information on Taiwan without the testimony of the defence establishment in general and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in particular. He felt that their testimony would be pertinent and indispensable.

Senator Taft said the basis of United States foreign policy in the past three or four years has been to "contain" Communism at its present boundaries and to prevent any single step of advance.

The United States intervened in the Greek civil war although that might easily have involved the country in war, he said.

The United States has taken anti-Communist steps in Korea, Turkey and Berlin and in Western Europe generally and "we have not hesitated to risk war. In China for some reason the State Department has pursued a different policy from that followed throughout the rest of the world."

Senator Taft said the U.S. Navy and State Department could save Taiwan from the Communists without getting the nation into a shooting war with Russia.

No war danger

He told the Senate that the Chinese Communists could not cross from the mainland of China to invade Taiwan if the U.S. Navy makes it clear that ship carrying troops will not be allowed to cross.

Senator Taft added that the Communists probably would not even try to invade the island if the State Department made it perfectly clear that the United States will not permit Taiwan to fall into Red hands.

The Republican leader said both steps could be taken without fear that they would plunge the nation into war with Russia. He added it is hardly possible that the Chinese Communists themselves could start a war if the United States intervened.

Senator Taft said President Truman had resorted to his "usual course of setting up a straw man, and then proceeding to knock him down." In his policy statement last week, Senator Taft said, Mr. Truman vetoed suggestions by those seeking a strong Far Eastern stand.

He also charged Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with being curiously inconsistent, because he shudders at the possibility of war in the Far East, although he supports 10 times more risky programmes in Europe.

Senator Taft said the State Department has been guided on its China policy by a left-wing group who obviously wanted to get rid of Chiang and were willing, at least, to turn China over to the Communists for that purpose.

Leftists blamed

Senator Taft said that U.S. support to Taiwan would not necessarily entail support for the Nationalist government. The status of the island could remain undetermined until the peace treaty with Japan is signed. He suggested that many Taiwanese themselves want an independent state.

Chairman John Kee of the House Foreign Committee, at a closed afternoon session, said Mr. Acheson will return at a later date as he has not quite finished discussing foreign affairs. On the question of whether Mr. Acheson considered the Japan-Okinawa-Philippines line as an impregnable line of defence as some Senators understood Mr. Acheson to say on Tuesday, chairman Kee said he did not get that impression from anything he said.

On the question of disagreement among Committee members on the Administration policy in the Far East, chairman Kee said, "I have never seen all members of this committee agree on any controversial problem. It would be impossible for anyone to satisfy all members on all policies throughout the world."

Representative Mike Mansfield, one of the top ranking Democrats on the Committee, was asked whether much opposition was expressed to the Far Eastern policy. He answered, "On the whole, no."

Senator Connally told the press, "The Joint Chiefs of Staff's views are always available to the President. The President has already made public statements that he does not expect to send arms or soldiers to Formosa. The Chiefs of Staff have no authority to make any change in that pattern. If the President wants to consult them again he is of course free to do so."—United Press.

LI TSUNG-JEN

New York, January 11.

The acting Chinese Nationalist president, General Li Tsung-jen, is feeling extremely well and will be able to leave hospital within a few days, a bulletin from the Presbyterian Hospital here said tonight.

The bulletin added that living accommodation is being arranged in the vicinity of New York for the president after he leaves the hospital.—United Press.

Washington, January 11.

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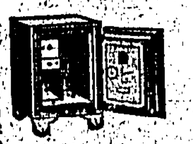

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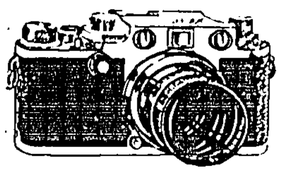
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Stilwell blamed for debacle of Nationalists

New York, January 11.

Joseph Alsop, in the second of three articles on "Why We Lost China" appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, today charged the beginning of the end in China came in 1942 when Lieutenant-General Joseph Stilwell made three demands on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Alsop said that General Stilwell, who at that time was Chiang's Chief of Staff and commander of the China, Burma and India war theatre, had just lost the crack Chinese Fifth and Sixth armies in Burma.

"But Stillwell had no word of sympathy for this loss. Instead his whole theme was the worthlessness of the Chinese forces - and particularly of the Chinese officers--he had led," Mr Alsop said.

He said General Stilwell demanded

1. That two Chinese generals be summarily shot for disobeying him and that a third general—Tu Yu-ming--be relieved of command and broken.

2. That a new Chinese army be organised officered by Americans from the rank of colonel upward under General Stilwell's own unrestricted command.

3. That Chiang begin to mobilise at once in order to re-invade Burma and open the new Burma Road to China from India.

"Opened way for Reds"

Mr. Alsop wrote: "In plain terms the three demands disclosed a military programme that brought the National Government of China to the brink of ruin. By this programme of General Stilwell's the China non-Communist regime was softened up. The way was opened for the ultimate triumph of the Chinese Communists, which is now imperilling all the hard-won prizes of our Pacific war.

"The official State Department White Paper on China ignores the facts about our military effort in China as it conceals facts about our political effort."

Mr. Alsop also charged that General Stilwell's pre-occupation with a desire to re-invade Burma and open the Burma Road between China and India led him to refuse aid to any army fighting in China. The general, he said, also refused supplies to Major-General Claire Chennault's air route across the Himalayas though that route quickly proved far more effective than the costly Burma Road.

Stilwell fallacy

Mr. Alsop also asserted that while Chiang wanted a large co-ordinated operation in Burma with the British cutting the enemy's communications in the South, General Stilwell seemed to think driving the Japanese from Burma would be mere child's play.

He wrote that the first test of General Stilwell's project proved its fallacy as the Japanese not only resisted strongly but also attacked the British forces in the Arakan area.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alsop said, the Japanese attacked in China but were contained by the "brave, tough, resourceful General Hsueh Yueh" and General Chennault's air force. But "all the resources needed to defend East China were still being poured into the Burma campaign," and the Japanese were able to regroup and finally conquer all South East China.

Mr. Alsop said General Stilwell refused to allow Gefferal Chennault to give General Hsueh Yueh 1,000 tons of his own air force supplies.—United Press.

PEKING REPLY TO NORWAY

Tokyo, January 12.

The Chinese Communists have told Norway they are willing to establish diplomatic relations "after the Norwegian Government severs relations with the remnants of the Kuomintang reactionaries."

The Reds also said that diplomatic relations must be established "on the basis of equality, mutual respect for territory and sovereignty."

The Communist attitude was outlined in a Peking broadcast monitored here.

Peking said Norway's Shanghai Consul-General, Martin Bolstad, had cabled the Red Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, on January 7 Norway's desire to establish diplomatic relations with the Communist Government.

Chou En-lai instructed Hwang Hwa, of the Foreign National Affairs Office of the Shanghai Military Control Committee, to outline to Mr. Bolstad the conditions under which such recognition could be effected.

Hwang Hwa was instructed to tell Mr. Bolstad that the Norwegian Government "is requested to send its representative to Peking to conduct talks on this matter."—Associated Press.

Union Jack returned

London, January 12.

A Union Jack seized from the British Consulate at Tamsui Taiwan, by eight armed Chinese Nationalist soldiers was returned on Wednesday, the Foreign Office announced.

A message from the British Consulate there said that Chinese military police brought back the flag and that Nationalist officials are co-operating to protect the Consulate.

It was taken by one of several groups of Nationalist soldiers who demonstrated around the Consulate in protest at Britain's recognition of Communist China, the Foreign Office had announced earlier.

The Foreign Office said that a message from the Consul Mr. Edward T. Biggs made no mention of apologies by the Chinese Nationalist Government in Taiwan.—Associated Press.

U.S. youth killed in Philippines

Manila, January 12.

The United States Consul at Cebu has demanded an official investigation of the killing on Sunday, January 8, of an 18-year-old American boy by Philippines Constabularymen in Iloilo Province, Panay Island.

According to reports to the Embassy here, Patrick Murphy son of Louis Murphy, a telephone line superintendent, and a young Filipino companion were shot by the Constabulary, who left the dying boys near a railroad line without offering aid. The shooting occurred near Summit; Passi, the report stated.

Murphy's father said the youths were on a hunting expedition. The Constabulary is said to have reported to its Iloilo headquarters that a patrol searching for bandits opened fire when the youths failed to halt at their command.

Governor Mariano Penaflorida of Iloilo was quoted in the "Manila Bulletin" as declaring that this was only one of a series of wanton killings by the Constabulary recently. The Governor was also quoted as saying that the Constabulary in the area were "conniving with bandits and outlaws," and that he was demanding an inquiry by Central Government authorities. No comment was obtainable in Manila.—Associated Press.

"Red agents in Taiwan wiped out"

Taipei, January 11.

Chinese Communist agents have been active in Taiwan but they have been wiped out in the past six months, an official statement said today.

The statement by the Peace Preservation headquarters was prompted in part by word of mouth advice last month by the U.S. Consulate urging Americans to leave Taiwan.

"Peace and order are being so well maintained" said the statement, "that no room is left for revolt. We have not the slightest doubt of our ability to preserve peace and protect foreigners."

Headquarters said Communist cells had been found and eradicated in the armed forces, the schools and other elements of society.—Associated Press.

OPIUM HAUL IN PENANG

Penang, January 11.

Four police officers on Wednesday seized some 1,200 pounds worth of opium from a motor car as soon as it arrived in Penang after crossing the ferry from the Malayan mainland.

Weighing about 40 pounds, the opium is alleged to have been concealed in the petrol tank.—Associated Press.

REGULATIONS FOR CHINESE TRAVELLERS

Tokyo, January 12.

Chinese on air trips to or through India will need papers the Tokyo office of Pan-American World Airways was advised today. Their China Nationalist passports no longer will be acceptable.

The Home Ministry of the Indian Government at New Delhi advised the airline that "in accordance with international law, Chinese nationals holding China Nationalist passports will not be permitted to land in or pass through Calcutta unless carrying a passport issued by the new Government of China, or a temporary travel document issued by Indian consular representatives abroad."

William Ortwin, an airline official here, said world flight passengers are required to have transit visas for certain countries even if they do not get out of the plane during brief stops.

The new regulations at Calcutta follow India's recognition of the Chinese Communist Government.—Associated Press.

DAUGHTER FOR MARCHIONESS

Perth, January 11.

The birth of a daughter to the Marchioness of Lansdowne was announced today.

Before her marriage in 1938, the Marchioness was Miss Barbara Chase, daughter of Harold Stuart Chase, of Santa Barbara, California.

The baby was born at Lord Lansdowne's country seat, Meikleour House, and is the couple's fourth child.—Associated Press.

LONDON STUDYING REPLY FROM REDS

London, January 11.

The Foreign Office is studying the Chinese Communist Government's reply to the British note according de jure recognition to the Communist regime, an official spokesman said today.

He added, "No comment on the reply will be made until the Peking Government's reply has been examined, which may take some little time."

It is understood that the reply is considered in some quarters as a "snub" to the British Government. Observers said it is unusual for a government to "examine" such replies.

The official spokesman made no mention of the Peking broadcast which commented on Britain's note of recognition. The broadcast announced the Chinese Communists' acceptance of Britain's recognition offer, but at the same time attacked Britain's allegedly imperialistic foreign policy.

Reference to "negotiations" in the text of Peking's reply to the British note according de jure recognition to the Communist Government, threatens to portend a new crisis over Hong Kong.

The Foreign Office is said to be still examining the passage in the text of the Peking reply accepting the British Charge d'Affaires in Nanking as British representative and stipulating that he should "be sent to Peking for the purpose of carrying on negotiations on the question of establishing diplomatic relations."

Hong Kong

Foreign Office officials said there is no mention of Hong Kong in the Peking message, but admitted that the phraseology gives some scope for speculation.

There is no reason to suppose that the British Government had any negotiations, except of a procedural and technical character in mind, and it is thought possible that the Peking Government also envisages only talks on consular matters, communications, and other technical matters.

Official quarters, however, are keeping in mind Mao Tse-tung's oft-repeated, declarations that he intends to revise the existing treaties made before the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

Nobody here doubts that the Communists will eventually make some attempt, short of direct military attack, to drive the British from their Crown Colony, or at least from the 300 square miles of leased territory on the mainland.

Negotiations on treaties?

It is therefore thought possible that the Communists may believe negotiations on the existing treaties governing Hong Kong to be necessary as a basis on which they would agree to establish diplomatic relations.

Pending the completion of the Foreign Office examination of the Peking note, no instructions will be sent to Mr. J. C. Hutchinson, British Charge d'Affaires, to proceed to Peking.

Officials will not commit themselves on any probable course of action, but recalled that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons in October 1949, "We do not intend to be talked or jostled out of our Colony."—United Press.

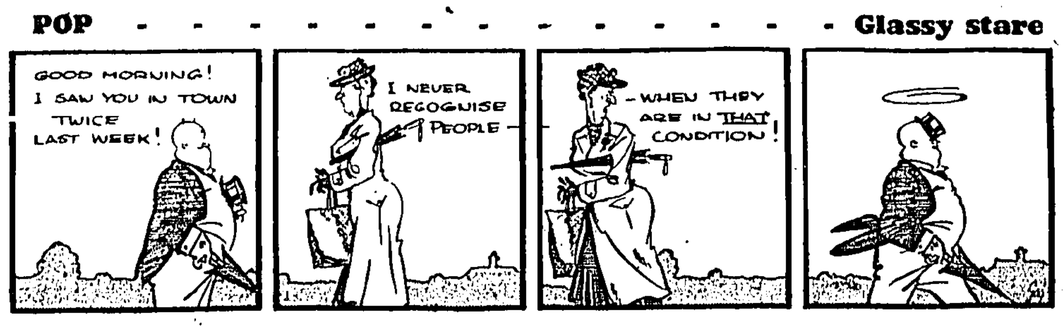
PASTEUR SAILS

Marseille, January 11.

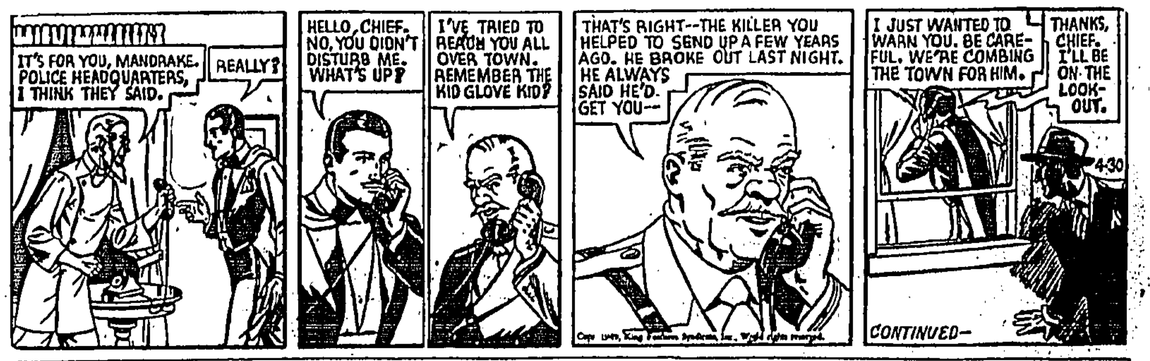
The liner Pasteur sailed today with 3,000 troops, bound for Indo-China.

The sailing yesterday was delayed by a Communist-led protest by some of the crew against the war in Indo-China. The dispute led to riots during the strike along the coast between Marseille and Nice.—United Press.

POP — Glassy stare



MANDRAKE THE MAGICAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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SAILINGS TO

"FENGTIEN"	Sibu	10 a.m.	13th Jan.
"YUNNAN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m.	16th Jan.
"HANYANG"	Inchon & Tientsin	3 p.m.	17th Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	18th Jan.
"PAKHOI"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m.	18th Jan.
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	5 p.m.	24th Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Singapore, Macassar Soerabaya, Samarang & Jacarta	5 p.m.	24th Jan.*

* Sails from Custodian Wharf.

ARRIVALS FROM

"PAKHOI"	Bangkok	7 a.m. 15th Jan.
"YOCHOW"	Tientsin & Inchon	15th Jan.
"ANHUI"	Singapore	15th/16th Jan
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	18th Jan.
"MAUD"	Sibu & Brunei	17th Jan.

RIVER SERVICE

	Hongkong/Macao Dept Hongkong	Macao/Hongkong Arr. Hongkong
"WUSUEH"	2 p.m. daily except Wed. & Sun.	7 a.m. Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 5 p.m. Sunday

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled Sailings to Europe vi. Aden & Port Said.

"ASTYANAX"	Glasgow, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	25th Jan.
"PYRRHUS"	Manchester, Havre & Liverpool	7th Feb
"AGAPENOR"	Glasgow, Marseilles & Liverpool & Glasgow	23rd Feb

ARRIVALS FROM

"TROILUS"	U.K. via Straits	10th Jan
"PYRRHUS"	U.K. via Straits	16th Jan
"ALCHAS"	U.K. via Straits	21st Jan
"AGAPENOR"	U.K. via Straits	29th Jan
"PROMETHEUS"	U.K. via Straits	2nd Feb

NEW YORK SERVICE

"AJAX" Arr from USA. via Manila 2nd Feb

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"CHANGTE"	Kure	20th Jan
"SINKIANG"	Japan	2nd Feb
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	2nd week Feb
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	2nd week Feb

ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGTE"	Australia & Manila	17th Jan
"SINKIANG"	Australia & Manila	10th Jan
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	2nd week Feb

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Court Brevities

Forty gold bars weighing 200 taels, found by revenue officers aboard the ss. Mui Hing last Sunday, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday. The unclaimed gold was found in the bottom of a garbage can in the officers' kitchen of the ship.

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The $5 bail put up by Lee Suyuen, quartermaster of the ss. Wing Sang, was ordered estreated by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday when Lee failed to answer a charge of importing 4.8 taels of gold without a permit on Tuesday. The gold was also ordered confiscated.

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A warrant for the arrest of Hui Yiu, of 22 Oak Street, second floor, was ordered to be issued by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for failing to answer a charge of selling theatre tickets without authority in front of the National Theatre on Tuesday.

Defendant's $250 bail was estreated.

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Cheng Kwong, alias Cheng Tsan-hung, alias Ma Yu-kai, charged with being a member of an unlawful society, was dismissed by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday due to insufficient evidence against him.

Defendant, who was arrested on December 23, was defended by Mr. A. el Arculli.

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Thomas Ryan, aged 20, of the 23rd Field Regiment Royal Artillery, was charged before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on five counts of disorderly conduct, possession of offensive weapon, (a knuckle duster) and resisting a police officer.

Ryan was also charged with assaulting a police constable, all offences having allegedly taken place on December 20 last year.

Ryan pleaded not guilty and the case was remanded to January 27. Sub Inspector Watson will be prosecuting.

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Ho Yau-chui, aged 29, who had admitted going to the police for financial aid to enable him to go back to Un Long whenever he found himself broke, was told by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday to make his own way home when he was brought before him on a charge of being a destitute.

Inspector H. B. Dewar, in requesting the Court to register a caution, said that defendant during the latter part of last year went to the police four times for fares to return to his home in Tai-O and each time was given $5 from the poor box. He first came to the police for aid in 1946, Mr. Dewar said, adding that this time he had to go home himself even if he had to walk.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Yesterday's fresh fish wholesale market prices were:

	First quality price a catty	Average price a catty
Other Groupers	$2.05	$1.85
Grass Fish	1.40	1.34
Golden Thread	1.80	1.37
Horse Head (small)	1.50	1.24
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.40	1.34
" (small)	1.25	1.17

HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated January 12th.

Force Headquarters

Depot—Qualification Course. Rifle—30 Yards (Range): The following recruits fired this qualification on Wednesday, January 11th, 1950 and achieved the results shown against their names:—Recruits M.J. Travers 20/20/20 (60) 1st class shot, C.A. Rodrigues 15/16/19 (50) 1st class shot, D. McCollam 15/16/10 (41) 2nd class shot, E. Maxwell-Holroyd 15/18/10 (43) 2nd class shot, A.D. Brown 16/16/16 (47) 1st class shot, F.E. Brook 20/13/4 (37) 2nd class shot, M.A.K. Din 13/19/12 (44) 2nd class shot.

Depot Training—week ending January 20, 1950: Sqnds A24, A25—Rapid Firing, PWT5, Sniperscoping, and Rapid Firing, Sqnds A26, A27—Miniature Range, competition PWT4, Bolt Manipulation, Sqnds A28, A29, A30, A31—Lying position and hold, Aiming 1, raise and figure targets, Sqnd A32—Trigger control, Firing, a shot PWT1, Loading and unloading, Miniature range, introduction shoot.

Depot Range Firing—Kennedy Road Range: Kennedy Road Range will be available for the a.m. personnel to fire practices as stated on Sunday, January 15 1950. Parade at Force HQ at 0915 hours. Dress—Overalls. Rifle Course Part 1. Recruits A.M.J. Silva, F.C.S. Deverton, Y.S. Chan, K.T. Chang, Law Wing-sang, L.A. Noronha, Wong Pak-chuen, S.P. Kwong, H.C. Lau, S.K. Chan, Phone Lik, Chang Wai-tong, C. Kong, R. Cheng, C.L. Sidler Introduction shoot—Recruits C.R. Erwin, J. Harrison, P.R. Remedios, C.A. Rodrigues, Hui Ying-kit, E.F. Delgado, P.A. Souza, J.A. Kelu.

Range Firing—Peak Range: The Peak Range is allotted to Hong Kong Naval Force and Home Guard on Sunday, January 15, 1950 for the purpose of practice firing and selecting teams for the forthcoming Rifle Meeting. Unit representatives will render to the Force RSM by 10 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 1950 the names of the personnel who will be attending. Personnel attending this shoot will parade at Force HQ at 9 a.m. Transport will be available to take them to the Upper Peak Tram Terminus, but anyone wishing to proceed by their own car may do so proving they notify the Force RSM by 10 a.m. on Saturday. Personnel proceeding independently will collect their rifles from the armoury before proceeding to the range. Dress in options at Firers are advised to bring their rifle sling with them.

Force Rifle Meeting—Practice: (a) Talkoo Range will be open on Sunday, January 15, 1950 to allow any member taking part in the Force Rifle Meeting to practice. (b) Practices application at 200 yards in the open and over cover. (c) Anyone wishing to fire must inform the ASM Force HQ (Mr. W.D. Whitey of the number of his rifle so that it can be made ready. This information is required by 1200 hours Saturday, January 14, 1950. (d) Transport will leave Force HQ 9 a.m. Personnel using their own cars should RV opposite the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, King's Road by 9.15 a.m. Report to RSM King. (e) Range Officer will be detailed separately. (e) Dress—overalls, plain clothes. Rifle slings should be brought.

Intelligence Section—Training: (a) Monday, January 16, 1950. Examination. Arrangements to be made by Capt. McEwan, O.C. Intelligence Section. (b) Monday, January 23, 1950 Additional lecture by Lieut.-Col. A.K. Halsted, U.S. Army Liaison Officer. Parade—Force HQ 5.30 p.m. Dress—plain clothes.

Campaign Stars and War Medals—Issue of to ex-HKVDC Personnel: A number of people have still not collected their medals. They can be drawn from the QM's store, Force HQ any time between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Audit Board: An Audit Board composed as under will assemble in the Adm. Officer's office at this HQ 5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 1950 for the purpose of auditing such accounts as may be presented:—President: Major J.C.M. Grimham. Members—One officer to be detailed by O.C. Hong Kong Naval Force. One officer to be detailed by O.C. Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force.

Attention: The following personnel who have passed their medical examination are asked to attend at Force HQ at the time and on the day stated below:—

Wednesday, January 18, 1950. At 5 p.m.—M.E. Antonio, R.C. Barradas, R.A. Boyd, V.N. Castro, J.M.D. Coutie, Marcel, P.G. Gardner. At 5.15 p.m.—E.D. Gidding, H.J. Gomes, J.D.A. Hutchison, R.A. Joscelyne, A.J. Maurelio, J. Melmes. At 5.30 p.m.—C.A.Y. Noronha, W.J.D. Passmore, J.L. Rocha, A.J. Silva, R.E. da Silva, W.E. Thiele. At 5.45 p.m.—Wong Kong, Inf. Young, Miss H. Ayo.

Hong Kong Regiment

Training—week ending January 20, 1950: (a) Coy. Tuesday, January 17, 1950: (a) Programme—5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. W.T. Beyond "Two Points". 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. W.T. The Point. (b) Parade—5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds, Murray Parade Ground. (c) Dress—Overalls, berets, boots and gaiters, belts, bayonet, and frog. (b) Coy, Monday, January 16, 1950. (a) Programme—5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Rifle Drill Parade. 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon No. 1 and 2 Sections SMB. No. 5 Section LMG. No. 6 Platoon LMG. No. 6 Platoon LMG. (b) Parade 5.30 p.m. Drill Sheds Murray Parade Ground. (c) Dress—Drill order battle dress. Carrier Platoon, Wednesday, January 18, 1950. (a) Programme: 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.—procedure. 6.15 p.m. to 7 p.m., 88 set handling. (b) Parade 5.15 p.m. Force HQ Lecture room. (c) Dress plain clothes. R.A. Section, Specialist Cadre, Monday, January 16, 1950—5.30 p.m. Conference Room, Supreme Court, revision, Tuesday, January 17, 1950, 5.45 p.m. Lecture room, RA HQ—Elementary class Thursday, January 19, 1950, 5.30 p.m. Conference room, Supreme Court, Advanced class.

Force Rifle Meeting—Practice: (a) Practices for the above meeting by members of the Regiment will take place as follows:—Sunday, January 15, 1950, Taikoo Range (see Force Order 29/50 above). Sunday, January 22, 1950. (b) Peak Range—for Regimental teams only. (b) Taikoo Range—for personnel not selected for teams. (b) Coy and pl comds will select their teams, plus and reserves required, after firing at Taikoo next Sunday, January 15, 1950. These teams will have a final practice on Peak Range Sunday, January 22, 1950. (c) The Senior Platoon team will hold its final practice on Wednesday, January 18, 1950. (d) It is hoped that as many members of the Regiment as possible will turn up at Taikoo next Sunday.

NCO's Course—Friday, January 20, 1950: (a) Programme—Introduction. Mutual. (b) Parade—Force HQ 5.30 p.m. (c) Dress—Drill Order (overalls).

Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force

Training—week commencing January 16, 1950: Sunday, January 15, 1950. Tradesmen's Course—Flying Unit. All airmen of the flying unit and those flying personnel detailed by the Officer Commanding, Auxiliary Flight, are to parade at HKAAF hangar, at 10 a.m. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 9.45 a.m. sharp. Notes—Airmen of the flying unit may attend if they so wish at any time during the week-end from now until further notice. Clerk G.D. Course. Members of this course are to attend at 10 a.m. at HKAAF hangar for practical work under the supervision of Cpl. McTeer. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 9.45 a.m. sharp.

Monday, January 16, 1950. Clerk P.A. Course. Members of this course are to attend at 5.30 p.m. at HQ Defence Force for practical work under the supervision of Cpl. McTeer.

Tuesday, January 17, 1950. No. 2 Radar Operator Course. Members of this course are to attend at 5.45 p.m. for a lecture by Cpl. Davies at HQ Defence Force, Garden Road. No. 2 Fighter Plotter Course. Members of this course are to attend at 5.45 p.m. for a lecture at Air Headquarters Ops Room.

Wednesday, January 18, 1950. Tradesmen's Course—Flying Unit. All airmen of this course are to attend a parade, to be held at 6 p.m. in the HKAAF hangar. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 5.45 p.m. sharp.

Friday, January 20, 1950. Equipment Assistants Course. Members of this course are to attend for practical training at the HKAAF hangar at 6 p.m. (AC. I A.M. Soupa has now been added to this course). Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 5.45 p.m. sharp.

Sunday, January 22, 1950. Tradesmen's Course—Flying Unit. All airmen of the flying unit and those flying personnel detailed by Officer Commanding Auxiliary Flight, are to parade at 10 a.m. at HKAAF hangar. The following new members of the HKAAF are asked to attend:—M.Y. Tu, K. Kwan, P.X. Pires, F.J.R. Remedios, D.F. Young, P.F. Baptista, K. Satyavar, A.J. Silva, E.H. Franco, H. Yeh, A.A. Bello, Mod. Radio Operators Course. Members of this course are to visit a radar station that the New Territories to carry out practical training. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 2 p.m. No. 2 Radar Operators Course. Members of this course are to visit Air Headquarters Ops Room for practical training at 2.5 p.m. No. 2 Fighter Plotter Course. Members of this course are to be at Air Headquarters Ops Room by 2 p.m. to carry out practical training. No. 2 Fighter Plotter Course. Members of this course are to visit a radar station in the New Territories. Transport will leave Star Ferry Kowloon side at 1 p.m.

Shooting, Sunday, January 15, 1950: The Taikoo Range is open to all members of the HKAAF range on the above date for practice. They should parade at HQ Defence Force, Garden Road at 9 a.m. to draw their rifles. Transport will be available.

Trade Classification Selection Board: Recruits who have been detailed by letter will attend for interview between the hours of 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 1950.

HKAAF Hangar: Aircraft of the Auxiliary Flight will be flying during every weekend until further notice, and any members of the HKAAF who so desire may visit the flight. It is situated next to the JAMCO Hangar. Identity cards should be carried.

Home Guard

Training—Thursday, January 19, 1950: As detailed by O.C. Home Guard.

Force Rifle Meeting—Practice: The notification of all auxiliaries is directed to Force Order 29/50 above.

HK Women's Voluntary Force

Training (Army and Nursing Branches): There will be a parade for members on Monday, January 16, 1950, at 5.30 p.m. at HQ HKDF. The programme will be as under:—5.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Elementary Foot Drill. All members. St. John Place, (opposite Helena May). 5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Maintenance I. Tasks 1 and 2. And daily maintenance. Drivers Squad. Parade Ground. (a) Abbreviations. (b) Practice in Appointments. (c) Official letters. Clerks Squad. Orderly Room Camp. Hygiene and Sanitation. Instructor—Major Holmes, RAMC. DADAH Nursing Branch: M.I. Room.

(Sgd.) W. G. KING, RSM.
for Lieut.-Col.
Deputy Commandant, HKDF.

Volunteer Centre: The Commandant feels that the Canteen and Mess in the Volunteer Centre are not being used enough by members of the Force. This applies to evenings particularly. He feels that the Centre is the Force's own club and as such should receive as much support as possible from all volunteers. The facilities are excellent including, as they do cheap drinks and excellent meals at very low prices. It is hoped that the Centre will be used more in the future.

Air Liaison Officers: HKDF has been asked by HQLF to form a pool of Air Liaison Officers. ALO's duties include portraying the military situation to the air force commander, staff and crews the briefing of air crews undertaking tasks in support of the army, study of air photos, formation part of Air Contact Teams with the forward units etc. ALO's work both with the RAF and RNAS. Any member of the Force who wishes to be considered for these appointments should get in touch with the Deputy Commandant Force HQ or the Adjutant Hong Kong Regiment. Candidates should have a good regimental background. They will be required to attend before a selection board after having passed out of the depot. These appointments are also open to personnel not already in HKDF.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 12

Vocabulary:

60.	(tim) deem(2)	A dot. To check. How?
61.	(fan) fun(1)	To divide. A division. A minute. A character. A word.
62.	(lsz) (3)dzee	A bone. A quarter.
63.	(kwat) gwut(1)	Half.
64.	(poon) boon(3)	

Combinations:

1.	Deem(2) joong(1).	O'clock. Hour.
2.	Gay(2)-duw(1) deem(2)-joong(1)?	How many hours?
3.	Gay(2)-(daw(1)) deem(2)-joong(1)?	What o'clock? What time?
4.	(3)Shup-(3)yee deem(2)-joong(1).	Twelve o'clock. Twelve hours.
5a.	(2)Ng fun(1) joong(1).	Five minutes.
5b.	Yut(1)-giw(3) (3)dzee joong(1).	Five minutes.
6a.	(3)Shup-(2)ng fun(1) joong(1).	Fifteen minutes.
6b.	Saam(1)-gaw(3) (3)dzee joong(1).	Fifteen minutes.
6c.	Yut(1)-gaw(3) gwut(1) joong(1).	Quarter of an hour.
7a.	Saam(1) (3)shup fun(1) joong(1).	Thirty minutes.
7b.	Boon(3) deem(2)-joong(1).	Half an hour.
7c.	Yut(1) deem(2) boon(3) joong(1).	Half past one. An hour and a half.

General Expressions:

10a.	(1)Shee gaan(3).	Time.
10b.	(1)Shee (3)hau.	Time.
(1)	Shee gaan(3):	
1.	Gay(2) deem(2)-joong(1) dh(3)?	What time is it?
2.	Yut(1) deem(2)-joong(1).	It is one o'clock.
3.	(2)Lerng deem(2) (3)ling (2)ng fun(1). (joong(1)).	2:05
4.	Saam(1) deem(2) yut(1)-gaw(3) (3)dzee (joong(1)).	3:05
5.	Say(3) deem(2) (3)shup-(2)ng fun(1). (joong(1).	4:15
6.	(2)ng deem(2) saam(1)-gaw(3) (3)dzee (joong(1).	5:15
7.	(3)Look deem(2) yut(1)-gaw(3) gwut(1) (joong(1)	It is quarter past six.
8.	Tsut(1) deem(2) saam(1) (3)shup fun(1) (joong(1))	7:30
9.	Baut(3) deem(2) boon(3) (joong(1)).	It is half past eight.
10.	Gau(2) deem(2) say(3) (3)shup-(2)ng fun(1) (joong(1)).	9:45
11.	(3)Shup deem(2) gau(2)-gaw(3) (3)dzee (joong(1).	10:45
12.	(3)Shup-yut(1) deem(2) saam(1)-gaw(3) gwut(1) (joong(1)).	It is quarter to twelve.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 843 kilocycles per second, and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

G.M.T.

P.M.

12.15—Roman Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio).

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—"Fats" Waller, His Piano and His Orchestra.

12.45—London Studio Melodies—The Mantovani Orchestra with Olga Gwynne and Jan Masurus. (BBCT).

1.15—News and Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—Lunchtime Music.

2.00—Close Down.

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—Children's Half Hour—"Toytown Goes West"—by S. G. Hulme Beaman. (BBCTB).

6.30—"Cantonese by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan, and Mr. S. K. Lee. (Studio).

6.50—Marches Played by the London Promenade Orchestra.

7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.10—"Sweet and Sentimental"—Presented by Martin Anderson. (BBC).

7.45—Studio Recital—Miss Garland Sau (Soprano) and John Small (Baritone) with Piano Accomp. by Betty Brown. (Studio).

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay).

8.10—"Quiz"—Kenneth Mackenzie Puts the Questions to Members of the Forces Stationed in Hong Kong. (Studio).

8.50—"Music Lovers' Hour"—Classical Request Programme, Presented by Yvonne Charles. (Studio)

9.30—"I Haven't a Clue"—A Comedy Thriller by Jack White (BBCTB).

10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.16—"The Composer of the Week"—Dvorak.

10.32—Light Violin Solos.

10.45—New Variety with Popular Favourites.

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded).
God Save the King.

Rediffusion

A.M.

7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Canteen Breakfast Session.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Random Rhythm.
8.45—Through the Looking Glass—A Programme for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Console & Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—Airtime Melodies.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.

P.M.

12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
12.52—Dance Music.
1.00—Singer.
1.15—News.
1.30—Music for You.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.15—Today's Choice.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Harmony Hall.
5.45—Radio Headliners.
6.00—Kingdom of Swing.
6.15—Song of the Islands.
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks.
6.45—Do You Remember.
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—Romantic Cycles.
8.15—The Rosewood Serenaders.
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
9.00—B.B.C. World News.
9.15—Local News.
9.15—South Americana.
9.30—"Radio Stage".
10.00—The Waltz Lives On.
10.15—B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.
11.15—"The Jazz Club."
11.45—Stardust.
12.00—Close Down.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Pearce Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 17th January, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at $100 each may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at $2. each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup." The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.- per day, including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.- each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
A. BLAIR,
Secretary.

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s.s. "CORFU"	17th February	20th March
s.s. "CANTON"	17th March	17th April
s.s. "CARTHAGE"	14th April	15th May
s.s. "CORFU"	12th May	12th June
s.s. "CANTON"	9th June	10th July

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m.v. "HEMLAND"	21st Mar.

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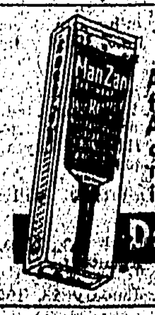

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"RUYS"	23rd Feb.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	14th Mar.	21st Feb.

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"RUYS"	9th Feb.	20th Feb.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	23rd Feb.	11th Mar.

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JAPAN

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"HEEMSKERK"	Early Feb.	Early Mar.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN JAPAN DISCUSSED

Tokyo, January 12.

Japan's eagerness to attract foreign capital has progressed to the stage where officials are concentrating on ways and means to meet requirements of conservative investors.

The International Trade and Industry is hopeful of concocting an arrangement through which at least the principal of foreign investments can be guaranteed.

Spokesmen for certain American interests have emphasised that their inability to convert yen profits into dollars also is a major obstacle to attracting capital investments.

Another important aspect under serious discussion is the amount of taxes to be imposed upon foreign nationals here and upon their companies.

The Japanese Finance Minister, Hayato Ikeda, conferred with officials of SCAP's economic and scientific section yesterday, and these topics were discussed at length.

1. Taxes to be imposed on foreign individuals and firms.
2. Establishment of free port zones.
3. Monetary measures.

SCAP officials have been uncommunicative.

Revolving fund

Japanese sources have disclosed that a revolving fund of from $25,000,000 to $50,000,000 is being considered with which foreign capital could be guaranteed. Such a fund would start with 1951-52 fiscal year.

Its source, the Japanese suggest, could be one of these: American aid funds to Japan such as GARIOA (Government Aid and Relief in Occupied Areas), ELOA (economic rehabilitation in occupied areas), or from the commercial account of $67,000,000 recently transferred to the Japanese Government.

Repeated requests to SCAP economic experts to comment upon the practicability of such proposals have evoked no response.

One high official told the Associated Press that conversations are continuing, but any mention of amounts would be premature. —Associated Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The little business passing shows that rates are steady, but the market is becoming rather neglected.

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H.K. Fire Ins. 215n.

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H.K. & M. Steamboats 11n.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) 89½n
" (Def.) 200n.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From CALCUTTA, RANGOON & STRAITS

Consignees per ship

S.S. "TAIREA"

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of storage of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after January 13, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on January 19, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendence when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before February 3, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of ex ship's side or alternatively ex the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s premises unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

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Hong Kong, Jan. 13, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

STATES STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. "COLORADO"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on January 19, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 20, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before January 27, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, January 13, 1950.

Adjustment of U.S. tariffs

Washington, January 11.

The United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, told a Press conference here tonight that he might recommend to the present session of Congress an adjustment of United States Customs on imports from overseas.

The reduction of United States Customs barriers against British goods was agreed on by Britain, the United States and Canada during the September dollar talks to help Britain solve her dollar shortage by exporting more to the United States.

At his weekly Press conference, Mr. Snyder said that the Treasury hoped to have ready in time a report on United States Customs procedures which might involve legislation and that recommendations would possibly be made during the present session of Congress.—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK$6.56¾, went up to $6.58½, and closed at $6.58¼.

TT was stationary at HK$6.63.

Sterling was firmer at HK$15.13.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$13.

Piastres were again nominal at HK$15.10 a 100.

Ticals were maintained at HK$26.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders dropped 50 cents to HK$23 a 100.

LONDON STOCKS

London, January 11.

Prices drifted slightly lower in most sections of the London Stock Exchange.

Little business was done. Brokers regarded the session as the start of a "big sleep" until the national election on February 23.

Losses in the British Government bonds list ranged from 1/16 to 1/4 of a pound per bond.

The Financial Times index was 104.8, off 0.5.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, January 11.

Crude rubber number one futures closed two lower to five higher. Sales 121 contracts.

March ..... 18.36 - 40.
May ..... 18.08.
July ..... 17.60 bid.
September ... 17.50 nominal.

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets, 18-1/2 nominal.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees Per

S.S. "BENVRACKIE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on 16th January, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 17th January 1950 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before January 31, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, January 11, 1950.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, January 11.

The stock market forged ahead on Wednesday into new highs with the heaviest trading in 10 months.

For the fifth full session in a row, sales topped the 2,000,000 shares mark by a comfortable margin. Steel and motorcar stocks spearheaded the rally.

Sales stepped up to 2,630,000 shares, the biggest turnover since more than 3,000,000 changed hands on November 3, 1948. Every one of the 15 most active shares advanced.

Benguet Consolidated Mining, Philippine gold producer recently under pressure, rallied from ⅜ to 2-⅛. It was the fourth most active among the 15 stocks.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 73.19; 20 Industrials 203.61; 15 Rails 55.80; 10 Utilities 41.48.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 23
Alaska Juneau 3¼
American Can 100¾
" Smelting 57
" Telephone 147¼
" Tobacco 74½
" Waterworks 8
Anaconda Copper 30⅞
Aviation Corp. 6
Baldwin Locomotive 12⅛
Barnsdall 55½
Bendix Aviation 35⅞
Bethlehem Steel 33⅜
Boeing Aircraft 27½
Borden Co. 49¼
Canadian Pacific 15⅜
Case, J. I. 40
Chrysler 67
Colgate 45¼
Commercial Solvents 20⅞
Corn Products 70⅛
Du Pont 62⅝
Eastman Kodak 47½
General Electric 43¾
" Motors 72⅜
Goodrich 74⅝
Goodyear 47
Homestake Mining 473¾
International Harvester 28
" Paper 37¼
" Tel & Tel 11¾
Johns Manville 48
Kennecott Copper 54⅛
Montgomery Ward 57⅛
National Distillers 23⅛
" Lead 36¼
New York Central 13½
Packards Motors 4⅞
Pan American Airways 10
Pennsylvania RR 17⅝
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Studebaker 28⅛
Union Bag 20
" Carbide 44¾
US Rubber 41½
" Steel 27⅞
" Lines 17¼
Westinghouse 32¼
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76¾
Gen. Pub. Utilities 16⅞

Railroad issues improved again in heavy trading in the bond market. Long-term U.S. Government issues dropped 1/32 to 5/32 of a point in the over-the-counter market. —Associated Press.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 19, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on January 18, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before February 12, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
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Hong Kong, January 12, 1950.

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"BENALDER"	—"— "	10th Feb.
"BENMHOR"	—"— "	12th Feb.
"BENAVON"	—"— "	26th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"	—"— "	28th Feb.
"BENVENUE"	—"— "	12th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	—"— "	20th Mar.

SAILINGS

		Loading on or abt.
"BENCLEUCH" .. / "BENALDER"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	18th Jan. / 16th Feb.
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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Colorado (Dodwell) American 4547 tons ex-Hollo ... A 4
Hellkon (Wo Fat Shing) British 1220 tons ex-Saigon ... B.6
Sally Maersk (Jebsen) Danish 8050 tons ex-San Fernando ... Kwh
Yunnan (B & S) British 1651 tons ex-Singapore ... B.10

TODAY

Tairea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta

TOMORROW

Fort Grant (APL) ex-Java Ports
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta
Theodore (BIL) ex-South Africa

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Benvorlich (Lorley) for Kobe/Osaka
City of Coventry (Bank) for Singapore
Hilmana (Jardine) for Singapore
Nan Hai (Wah Sheung) Kongs for Singapore
Shap Li (Sintoon) for Tsingtao

TODAY

Drew Victory (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast
Empire (BIS) for Sibu
Island Mail (Everett) for Taku Bar
Nanyuan (Everett) for Keelung
Lidia (Wallem) for Osaka
Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung

TOMORROW

Peter Maersk (Jebsen) for Atlantic Coast
Pres. Cleveland (APL) for San Francisco

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ... K.U
Admiral Hardy (Yuen Tung) ... W.F
Algerine II (Mollers) ... K.D
Barababa (Manners) ... Yau
Benruckle (Lorley) ... B.C
Brown Ranger (NSO) Oil Fuel ... Jetty
Caduceus (Bank) ... K.D.
Calrex II (Texas) ... Wor
Caroline Moller (Mollers) ... K.D.
Chengking (CMSN) ... Yau.
Chee Hsing (Wallem) ... Yau.
Chi Tung (Wallem) ... Yau.
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ... S.D.
Chi Chiang (Ming Sung) ... Yau.
Colorial (Nelasco) ... K. Hay
Colorado (Dodwell) ... A 4
Coten (Colonial) ... Yau.
Dah Han (Wallem) ... S.S.Po
Dazilen (Lee Yuen) ... B.8
Dun Yu (CMSN) ... Yau.
Elmoor (B & S) ... K.B
Ethel Moller (Shun Cheong) ... Yau
Eastern Trader (Southern) ... B 22
Empire Park (Yick Yuen) ... Yau.
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Fengtien (B & S) ... B.11
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Fort Charlotte (NSO) ... HNY
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Glenroy (Jardine) ... Hulls
Grandview (Samson) ... S.S. Po
Great Lake (Hua Sheng) ... Yau
Green Ranger (NSO) ... Yau.
Hai Kang (CMSN) ... D.17
Hai Hala (CMSN) ... S.S. Po
Hai Chong (Lee Bros.) ... S.S Po
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ... S.S. Po
Hai Nan (CMSN) ... Yau
Hanyang (B & S) ... B.4
Hebburn (Wo Fat) ... Hon
Hinchai (B & S) ... B.28
Hoi Wong (Jebsen) ... U 9
Hwang Hai (Ming Sung) ... Yau
Hung Cheng (CMSN) ... Yau.
Inchmuil (Williamson) ... Yau.
Island Mail (Everett) ... A 1
Iris (Kung Nam) ... S.S. Po
Islas Visayas (Yun Tung) ... Yau
Jade Leaf (Yick Yuen) ... S.S. Po
Joseph S (Pure Cane) ... Compo
Kutsang (Jardine) ... K.wh.
Landbris (Jebsen) ... Yau.
Lady Wolmer (Sintoon) ... S.D.
Lee Cho (Mingsung) ... Yau.
Lin Shen (Jebsen) ... Yau.
Lun Hsin (King Tai) ... S.C.
Lu Yi (BOTRA) ... S.D.
Marie Skou (Gilman) ... W.D
Mei Ling (Botra) ... Yau.
Ming Chung ... Yau.
Ming Sing (Chung Hsing) ... Yau
Miraman (Larsen) ... K.B.
Mistress (Master) ... K.B.
Norreverett (Everett) ... B.4
Nowtoss (Trinity) ... A.16
Nu Chiang (Ming Sung) ... C.W
Oriental (Far East) ... B.8
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ... Yau.
Pres. Pierce (APL) ... K. Wh.
Pres. Van Buren (APL) ... K.wh
Pronto (Winby Co.) ... Crane
Prolinie (Pettilson) ... B.22
Ramona (Wallem) ... Shau
Ridderkerk (RIL) ... A.11
Ruys (RIL) ... C.M. WH
Sacramento (HKEB) ... T.D.
San Antonio (Thorsen) ... T.D.
Sally Maersk (Jebsen) ... K.wh.
San Fernando (Metro) ... B.18
San Jeronimo (Manners) ... Yau
San Miguel (Manners) ... S.C.
Shahzada (Mac Mac) ... K.B.
Shahzi (B & S) ... T.D.
Smith Men (Ming Sung) ... Yau
Somail (Mac Mac) ... K. Wh.
Sin Sooh Lee (Lee Bros.) ... Yau.
Sing Hing (Yick Yuen) ... Yau.
Store Nordlake, (Cable) ... LOK
Sui Yuan (B & S) ... Yau.
Swallow (Colon) ... S.S. Po
Tadih (Hsiang S/S) ... Yau.
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) ... S.D.
Taichunshan (Yuen Tung) ... Yau
Tai Shan (King Tai) ... S.S.P.
Tai Ping Shan (APC) ... APC
Talkinshan (Shun Cheong) ... D.17
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ... S.C.
Tien Loong (C.M. Trust) ... K.D.
Tong Keng (CMSN) ... Yau.
Tung Yuan (Ming Sung) ... S.C.
Tomsk (FEE) ... A.15
Tomar (Thoresen) ... K. Wh.
Tonler (Larsen) ... K.B.
Trafoil (Mollers) ... S.S.Po
Tsai Ee (CMSN) ... Yau
Tsinan (B & S) ... T.D.
Unita (Wallem) ... K.D.
Valerius (RIL) ... K.D.
Vipi (Shun Cheong) ... Yau.
Vulture (Sun Sheng) ... Yau
Wah Chung (Yang Tung) ... Compo
Wen Hing (China Star) Po Tak wh
Wingsang (Jardine) ... W.F.
Yuan Tze (King Tai) ... S.C.
Yen Men (Ming Sung) ... Yau
Yuen Hsing (Dairs) ... Yau
Yunan (B & S) ... B.10

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA

January
Tilsadane (RIL) ... 19
February
Strait Malakka (RIL) ... 21

AMERICA EASTERN COAST

January
Arnold Maersk (Jebsen) ... 18
Alawai (Wallem) ... 17
Pat (Alf Thorsen) ... 21
Chevville (Thoresen) ... 21
Falland (Hansa) ... 21
Ida Dahle (Mac Mac) ... 22
Indian Mail (Everett) ... 22
Javanese Prince (Jardine) ... 20
Lake Shawnigan (Eastern) ... 24
Lullfemo (HK East) ... 10
Pres. Jefferson (APL) ... 22
Pres. Tyler (APL) ... 20
Pioneer Bay (USL) ... 21
Pioneer Mail (USL) ... 18
Reinholt (Wallem) ... 17

February
American Reporter (USL) ... 22
Ajax (B & S) ... 2
Belleville (Thoresen) ... 10
Borgholt (Wallem) ... 6
Charling Maersk (Jebsen) ... 4
Chinese Prince (Jardine) ... 14
Fernstream (Thoresen) ... 27
Jean Lafitte (Wallem) ... 10
Pioneer Dale (USL) ... 12
Pres. Grant (APL) ex-New York ... 16
Skauho (Mac Mac) ... 7
Steel Worker (Gilman) ... 1
Tarifa (Dodwell) ... 12
Williamette Victory (APL) ... 4

March
British Prince (Jardine) ... 11
Fernbay (Thoresen) ... 10
Ferndale (Thoresen) ... 31
Jacob Luckenbach (Gourlie) ... 3
Steel Seafarer (Gilman) ... 1

May
Javanese Prince (Jardine) ... 24

PACIFIC COAST

January
China Transport (Jardine) ... 18
Francisville (Bank) ... 21
Kookaburra (Wallem) ... 16
Philippine Bear (USL) ex-Frisco ... 5
Pres. Harrison (APL) ex-Frisco ... 20
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco ... 29
Serampore (E.A.) ... 70
Suprise (USL) ex-Frisco ... 27
Vingnes (Wallem) ... 29
Wyoming (Dodwell) ... 18

February
America Transport (Jardine) ... 1
Charles E. Dant (Dodwell) ... 2
F. J. Luckenbach (Gourlie) ... 3
General Gordon (APL) ... 3
Great Republic (USL) ... 14
Idaho (Dodwell) ... 7
Montana (Dodwell) ... 15
New World Victory (USL) ex-Frisco ... 9
Nikobar (E.A.) ... 11
Pacific Transport (Jardine) ... 7
Philippine Transport (Jardine) ... 12
Pres. Mackinley (APL) ... 14

March
Sea Serpent (USL) ... 2
Tranquebar (E.A.) ... 18

AUSTRALIA

January
Changte (B & S) ... 17
Clios (Dodwell) ... 29
Merker (Gilb. Livingston) ... 15
Nellore (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney ... 24
Singkiang (B & S) ... 10

February
Baluchistan (Jardine) ... 18
Eastern Saga (Jardine) ex-Melbourne ... 21
Taiyuan (B & S) ... 2nd wk.

March
Arne (Dodwell) ... 5

CHINA

January
Chungang (Jardine) ex-Tientsin ... 13
Jebsyerett (Everett) ex-Keelung ... 20
Shengking (B & S) ex-Keelung ... 16
Wingsang (Jardine) ex-Keelung ... 20
Yochow (B & S) ex-Tientsin ... 18

EUROPE

January
Agapenor (B & S) ... 29
Benduran (Loxley) ... 21
Benmachdui (Loxley) ... 27
Benclyoch (Loxley) ... 15
Calchas (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 21
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 16
Epinal (MM) ... 30
Glenroch (Jardine) ... 23
Langleecot (RIL) ... 20
Mongolia (E.A.) ... 23
Pyrrhus (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 14
Sumatra (Gilman) ... 23
Trojus (B & S) ex-U.K. ... 15

February
Benavon (Loxley) ... 28
Benmohr (Loxley) ... 12
Benvalar (Loxley) ... 10
Benwhanach (Loxley) ... 28
Bohemia (Gilman) ... 8
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 12
Glencara (Jardine) ... 24
Glenfartary (Jardine) ex-U.K. ... 9
Hornakerk (RIL) ... Early
Kyber (Mac Mac) ... 5
Prometheus (B & S) ... 2
Tungus (Thoresen) ... 26
Yang Tse (M M) ... 26

March
Benvenue (Loxley) ... 12
Benvannoch (Loxley) ... 20
Breconshire (Jardine) ... 10
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London ... 18
Homland (Gilman) ... 21
Kyernaas (E.A.) ... beginning
Morella (E.A.) ... beginning
Nordvil (E.A.) ... end
Nagara (Gilman) ... 1
Torrens (Thoresen) ... 17

April
Selandia (S.A.) ... beginning

INDIA

January
Landaura (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ... 16
Sangola (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 23
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 14
Tamuna (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ... 20
Tairea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 13
Takasag (Jardine) ex-Calcutta ... 22

February
Towerranger (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ... end

March
Evros (Mac Mac) ... Early

JAPAN

January
Nordsjernan (Everett) ... 28
Tjikampek (RIL) ... 22

February
Langleecoot (RIL) ... late
Ruys (RIL) ... 26

March
Haemakerk (RIL) ... Early
Strait Malakka (RIL) ... 11

SOUTH EAST PORTS

January
Anhui (B & S) ex-Singapore ... 15/16
Maiyi (B & S) ex-Sibu ... 17
Mansang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan ... 19
Norlanda (Pattison) ex-Singapore ... 29
Pakpoi (B & S) ex-Bangkok ... 16
Pioneer Mail (USL) ... 25
Pres. Grant (APL) ex-Java Ports ... 14
Rebeverett (Everett) ex-Manila ... 20
Tjisalak (RIL) ex-Java Ports ... 31
Tjisadane (RIL) ex-Java Ports ... 11

February
Flying Independent (Pattison) ex-Manila ... 2
Pioneer Bay (USL) ex-Manila ... 4
Star Delelkeuse (Everett) ex-Singapore ... mid
Strait Malakka (RIL) ex-Manila ... 21

SOUTH AMERICA

January
Tilsadane (RIL) ... 17

February
Strait Malakka (RIL) ... 21

Sailings To

AFRICA

Jan/Feb
25 Tilsandu (RIL).

February
At Ruys (RIL).

March
14 Strait Malakka (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

January
22 Eastern Glory (Jardine) for Sydney.
24 Nanking (Mac Mac).

February
21 Citrus (Dodwell).
2nd wk. Changte (B & S) for Sydney.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

January
14 Peter Maersk (Jebsen).
23 Indian Mail (Everett).
27 Pres. Tyler (APL) for New York
29 Leisa Maersk (Jebsen).
29 Meredith Victory (Gilman).
30 Pioneer Mail (USL).

February
8 Ida Dakke (Mac Mac).
6 Javanese Prince (Jardine).
6 Pioneer Bay (USL).
12 Sally Maersk (Jebsen).
20 Pres. Grant (APL) for New York

March
5 Steel Architect (Gilman)
13 Steel Executive (Gilman).

April
3 St Augustine Victory, (Gilman)

PACIFIC COAST

January
13 Drew Victory (Dodwell).
14 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.
15 Axel Sale (Mac Mac).
17 Trafalgar (Dodwell).
18 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.
19 Wyoming (Dodwell).
19 Philippine Bear (USL) for Frisco.
28 Serampore (E.A.).
24 Meredith Victory (Gilman) for Los Angeles.
29 Pres. Harrison (APL) for Frisco.
29 Surprise (USL) for Frisco.
29 Sunnyville (Bank) for Los Angeles.
30 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.

February
1 America Transport (Jardine)
3 Charles E. Dant (Dodwell).
4 General Gordon (APL).
7 Pacific Transport (Jardine) via Keelung.
8 Idaho (Dodwell)
10 New World Victory (USL) for Frisco.
13 Tudor (Dodwell).
15 Pres McKinley (APL) for Frisco.
16 Montana (Dodwell).
16 Great Republic (USL) or Frisco
22 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
26 Nikobar (E.A.)
28 Francisville (Bank).

March
2 Sea Serpent (USL).
3 Steel Architect (Gilman).
13 Steel Executive (Gilman).

April
3 St Augustine Victory (Gilman)

CHINA

January
23 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung
18 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
23 Chunsang (Jardine) for Inchon.

February
6 Flying Independent (Pattison) for Shanghai
2 Norlanda (Pattison) for Dairen

EUROPE

January
18 Montain (MM)
18 Beuchleuch (Loxley) for London.
21 Denbighshire (Jardine).
21 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
25 Asiyanna (B & S) for Marseilles.
30 Epinal (MM).
31 Benmachdui (Loxley).

February
4 Sumali (Mac Mac).
4 Tomar (Thoresen).
7 Pyrrhus (B & S).
8 Sumatra (Gilman).
9 Mongolia (E.A.).
13 Yangtse (MM).
18 Benalder (Loxley).
19 Benmohr (Loxley).
17 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
18 Champollion (MM).
23 Asagenor (B & S) for U.K.
26 La Marseillea (MM).
28 Benavon (Loxley).
28 Khyber (Mac Mac).
Tarifa (Thoresen).
Isle Langleecot (RIL).

March
Bea Morella (E.A.).
Early Bohemia (Gilman).
Early Hoemakerk (RIL).
16 Benvenue (Loxley).
Mid Kyernaas (E.A.).
17 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
25 Benvannoch (Loxley).

April
Early Nagara (Gilman).
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
Mid. Nordvil (E.A.).
14 Torrens (Thoresen).

May
12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

June
9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

January
20 Shirala (Mac Mac) for Caulcutta.

JAPAN

January
13 Glenroy (Jardine).
16 Tilsadane (RIL).
16 Yunnan (B & S) for Yokohama.
15 Tairea (Mac Mac).
18 Pakhoi (B & S) for Yokohama.
20 Changte (B & S) for Kure.
20 Merker (Gilb. Livingston).
24 Takasag (Jardine).
25 Langleecoot (RIL).
26 Sangola (Mac Mac).
28 Sumatra (Gilman) for Kobe.

February
2 Singkiang (B & S).
Early Hoemakerk (RIL).
2nd wk. Taiyuan (B & S).
Mid. Star Delelkeuse (Everett).
22 Baluchistan (Jardine).
28 American Reporter (USL) for Pusan.
28 Strait Malakka (RIL).
26 Eastern Saga (Jardine).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

January
19 Frontier (B & S) for Sibu
15/16 Hermelin (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
15 Pres. Grant (APL) for Java Ports
16 Pioneer Mail (USL) for Manila.
19 Tjisalak (RIL) for Java Ports.
20 Mansang (Jardine) for Sandakan
22 Kulsang (Jardine) for Straits.
20 Nordstjernan (Everett) for Singapore.
21 Rebeverett (Everett) for Manila.
22 Pioneer Bay (USL) for Manila.
23 Francisville (Bank) for Singapore
24 Produce (B & S) for Bangkok.
24 Fukien (B & S) for Singapore.
25 Tjihandak (RIL) for Manila.
25/26 Hermin (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
31 Rebeverett (Everett) for Singapore

February
1 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore
2 Steel Worker (Gilman) for Singapore
2 Tjisalak (RIL) for Java Ports
Merker (Gilb Livingston) for Manila.
16 Hai Hong (Thoresen) for Singapore.
16 Pioneer Dale (USL) for Manila.
16 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.

March
14 Strait Malakka (RIL) for Manila.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon 1.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 2.15 p.m.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh 4.15 p.m.
BOAC ex-London, Bangkok 4.40 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Oslo, Bangkok 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok 8 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh 8.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Hanoi 4.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok 8 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa 12.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore 4 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok 7.15 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London 3.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu 5.30 p.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, London 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Hanoi, Saigon 4.30 a.m.
CPA for Manila 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu 4.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu 10 a.m.
BK AIRWAYS for Taipeh 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
BOAC for Singapore 9 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok, Oslo 9 a.m.

SUNDAY

CPA for Saigon, 11.15 a.m. Manila 3.30 p.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok 7.15 a.m.

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Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 5 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
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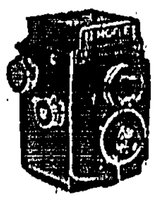

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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1950.

Bright and interesting week-end cricket expected

(By "KIMBERLEY")

Bright and interesting cricket is expected in all five First Division League games arranged for this week-end, with the "Big Four" of the Senior League out to improve their position against opposition that is capable of fighting back with upsetting results.

Army are still in the lead, having completed their First Round games with 30 points in hand. The "Scorpions" who are the most popular bet at the moment for this year's Championship, stand second with two games in hand.

Recreio follow immediately and from last week's general results, now remain the best outside team to be reckoned with in the championship race.

The RAF have dropped to fourth place as a result of their inability to take full points against Craigengower Cricket Club last week.

The process of elimination is going on steadily. The games this week-end may decide which team will be dropped out first in the race for honours.

The Royal Air Force seem to be it. This Saturday they meet the Indian Recreation Club. And considering the Indians' sensational victory over the favoured KCC XI last week, one would be reluctant to make any forecast.

"Fatty" Minu, hero of the Indians in their meeting with the KCC, will not be playing. This might encourage the RAF.

On the other hand the Indians, although weakened by the absence of Minu, may carry the day on the strength of their batting.

A H Madar and Kitchell are in fine batting form and if they can repeat their performance of last week, the Indians may bring about the dissociation of the RAF from the "Big Four." The Airmen know this themselves. The encounter should be exciting, with the result open.

"Scorpions" should win

The "Scorpions" take on the KCC at Kowloon and should win or, at worst, draw. Both teams are run getters and both will be out for runs. Bowling will decide. And in this, the "Scorpions" have the sting.

Army should not find it very hard to beat the "Optimists." A draw in this game will not result in any great disadvantage to the soldiers. But it is doubtful if Army will be satisfied with anything less than a win at this stage.

The "Optimists" on the other hand, have many reasons for beating the Army. One could perhaps be that it will not only make the position in the league more interesting from the point of view of competition, but also that their club-mates, the "Scorpions" would be very happy to see Army go down.

Although some close followers of the game favour the Army without hesitation, I'd rather wait for the result before talking in this case.

Recreio favoured

At Craigengower, the home team meet Recreio and the result will probably be a draw, with the visiting team slightly favoured.

The Portuguese may again be without the service of their opening bat, Luigi Gosano, who was absent in last week's game when his team played the "Optimists."

Due to the fact that Recreio, without Spotty Pereira, will be very much weakened in the bowling department unless Eddie Gosano strikes one of his unusually brilliant spells (as was so in the game with Army before Christmas). As far as batting is concerned Craigengower can more than hold their own.

Recreio fielding and what they have of their bowling must work overtime if the Portuguese team hope to score a victory which, incidentally, is important to them.

A draw will be another rung down the league table for Recreio.

In the Junior Division, one decisive game at least, is on the programme—the Recreio-Kowloon Cricket Club match at King's Park.

KCC is the superior team, but Recreio has shown much improvement. Indications are that the KCC will win.

Programme in full for the week-end:

Today

FIRST DIVISION

KCC vs HKCC "Scorpions" at Cox's Road.

HKCC "Optimists" vs Army at Chater Road.

IRC vs RAF at Sookunpoo.

CCC vs Recreio at Happy Valley.

Commandos vs Navy at Sookunpoo.

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio vs KCC at King's Park.

RAF vs IRC at Kai Tak.

Navy vs Commandos at King's Park.

Tomorrow

SECOND DIVISION

Dockyard vs H.K. University at King's Park.

Local soccer league standings

The following are the local soccer League standings up to January 12

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
Army	15	11	2	2	48	19	24
Kai Chee	12	11	0	1	53	7	22
KMB	13	10	0	3	46	15	20
St. Joseph's	11	6	2	3	26	14	14
S. Chiuu	13	6	2	5	36	38	14
Eastern	12	5	2	5	29	33	12
Commando	13	5	2	6	41	42	12
Club	13	4	2	6	19	32	10
Navy	11	4	1	7	20	30	9
CAA	12	3	2	7	17	25	8
Police	10	3	1	6	19	22	7
Kowloon Wah	12	2	0	10	10	40	4
RAF	11	1	1	9	15	46	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts
News Vendors	15	15	2	0	104	20	32
Kai Chee	12	11	1	3	80	34	27
S. Chiuu	12	11	3	3	74	26	25
IRC	12	11	3	3	79	43	27
RAF	15	11	2	7	55	22	24
Army	16	10	2	4	66	30	22
Eastern	15	9	2	5	47	44	20
Navy	10	9	1	6	54	47	19
St. Joseph's	12	7	0	10	32	61	14
Police	12	6	1	10	49	61	13
Taikoo	11	6	1	10	20	44	13
Salvation	15	4	4	7	38	37	12
CAA	16	4	4	8	47	47	12
Prisons	12	4	4	8	42	54	12
Club	16	4	1	11	25	50	9
Dockyard	18	3	3	12	32	66	9
Yard Police	12	2	2	13	26	94	6
University	13	0	0	13	13	90	0

ARMY BOXING POSTPONED

The finals of the 1950 Boxing Championships of Headquarters, Land Forces, Hong Kong, which were to have been held at Murray Barracks last night, were postponed due to rain.

Pro wrestling is back in the top sports arena

(By ROBERT L. GOWE)

New York, January 11.

Professional wrestling, which not so long ago had retired to the shadows, is back in the top sports arena in the United States—Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Popularised anew by television, its present potency is such that a recent Garden show outdrew the Robert Villemain-Jake La Motta fight by almost two to one.

A crowd of nearly 18,000 saw the wrestlers and only 9,500 saw Villemain defeat the middleweight champion in one of the best bouts in the Garden in years.

Whatever the critical opinions of the "grunt and groan" racket may be, its promoters immediately started dreaming up return matches as they saw this golden flow into the Garden treasury. The gate totalled U.S.$50,000.

The wrestling impresarios for this Garden show tossed in their best gate attractions. Foremost—as of the current months—is Argentina's powerful Antonio Rocca, 220 pounds of agility.

His sensational flying drop kicks, in which he suddenly lets fly with his heels at an opponent's jaw, is the present rage of the wrestling addicts.

Against this behemoth they pitted Gene ("Mr. America") Stanlee, who wears long blond hair atop his body beautiful.

(For the records—Rocca pinned Stanlee in 24 minutes and 17 seconds).

As a secondary feature, there was the former Italian heavyweight boxing champion, Italy's Primo Carnera, who has been methodically making himself another fortune out of his new wrestling specialty.

Until Rocca's advent, Carnera had been the greatest drawing card for some months. Whether the "script" called for it or not Rocca beat him a short time back; and moved to the top spot on the cards.

The "Green Hornet"

Carnera, lumbering in at 264 pounds, slammed into submission a character known in these circles as the "Green Hornet," otherwise plain Jim Henry, 200 pounds.

Headliners, such as these, who sometimes wrestle as many as six nights a week in different cities, are said to be making anywhere from $25,000 to $100,000 a year.

Included among those who sometimes get top billing is "Lord Tarlton," an Englishman who wears a cape and monocle to the ring and is attended by a valet in evening dress. "Lord," otherwise Leo, is said even to grunt and groan with an Oxford accent.

Then there are such performers as "Gorgeous George," who also has a valet and sprays perfume into the ring; the "Arakansas Hillbilly," who wears a heavy black beard and a menacing look; "The Gorilla," who is wheeled to the ring in an enormous cage, rattling the bars with roars of rage; and "Chief Little Wolf" who wears a feather headdress and pretends to scalp his victims by running his nails down their hair-dos.

Tremendous crowds

For some time past these bouts, billed not as contests, but as "exhibitions," have been drawing tremendous crowds in many parts of the country.

While television is given a major part of the credit—or blame—for this state of affairs, there are some deeper thinkers who believe that the contests satisfy some atavistic urges on the part of the people who attend them.

Usually the crowd identifies itself with the wrestler cast in the part of the "hero" and cheers him on to his usual victory. The casts seem to be roughly divided into "heroes" and "villains." Should two "heroes" meet, the result may become a draw.

Of course, there are many who go apparently just to view it as a sort of spectacle and who refuse to take it seriously. And even just as a "spectacle," they occasionally get their money's worth. —Associated Press.

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Don Cockell-boxing's big hope for 1950

(By JIMMY WILDE, former World fly-weight champion)

First big question for boxing fans in 1950 is, as usual, where are the prospective new British champions?

In 1949 there were changes in only two of the eight divisions, which is not a healthy circulation. Eddie Thomas dethroned Henry Hall from the welter throne and first Stan Rowan and then Danny O'Sullivan succeeded to the bantam-weight title previously held by Jackie Paterson.

Both these new champions look firmly established for the coming year, which leaves us to look elsewhere for new "kings."

But I cannot see much chance of a speed-up in handing out the honours.

The best prospect for 1950 is the Battersea heavy-weight, Don Cockell. He has a heavy punch, wastes no time wearing out himself as well as an opponent, and he has a cool boxing brain that enables him to size up his man and plan his fight accordingly.

Twice within recent weeks Cockell has gained one-round victories over men who had advantage in reach — which is a big consideration in the heavyweight class.

Formidable obstacles

Whether Don will get as far as challenging Bruce Woodcock this year is doubtful; in any case he must wait until after the Savold fight in May, and there are also formidable obstacles in his path in Jack Gardner, his stable companion, and Johnny Williams.

But at least we should reach the end of 1950 knowing that there is a better bunch of heavyweights than for some years.

A light-heavyweight whose fame will spread in 1950 is Welshman Dennis Powell; there is also a young Irishman, Garnett Denny, son of a doctor, who has been putting up some impressive displays. He is still a little raw, but the next 12 months should change that.

One of the most colourful personalities I watched last year was Johnny Barton, the Lancashire lumberjack, who, if he could control his punches better, would be putting most of his opponents away.

Best of the middleweight prospects will, I think, prove to be Sammy Sullivan. Sammy is not yet 19, so will not be fighting for the championship for some time.

In his case, I think the age ruling is a pity, for he has always impressed me as being able to go on as long as necessary. He can punch and is a game fighter who can also box cleverly.

With championship status so far ahead there is no need to burn him out by making him fight too often.

Pick of welters

Pick of the welters look like being Alf Danahar and Eddie Cardew.

Alf is not so polished as his brother Arthur, but has followed the family tradition by capturing his area title.

A meeting with Cardew would be one of the big attractions of 1950.

Tommy McGovern is firmly established as a leading contender for Billy Thompson's lightweight title; a possible rival is Peter Fallon, who is still in the early twenties though this is his sixth season.

Welsh rugger team chosen

Cardiff, January 11.

The Welsh team to meet England in the Rugby Union International match at Twickenham on Saturday, January 21, was chosen tonight as follows:

Lewis Jones (Devonport Services); Ken Jones (Newport), Jack Matthews (Cardiff), Bleddwyn Williams (Cardiff), Malcolm Thomas (Devonport Services), W. B. Cleaver (Cardiff), Rex Willis (Cardiff), J. D. Robins (Birkenhead Park), D. M. Davies (Somerset Police), Cliff Davies (Cardiff), Rees Stephens (Neath), D. J. Hayward (Newbridge), W. R. Cale (Pontypool), J. A. William (Edinburgh Wanderers) and R. T. Evans (Newport).

The side includes four new Caps in Lewis Jones, Rex Williams, J. D. Robins and D. M. Davies.

Lewis Jones, at the age of 18 years and five months, becomes the youngest ever to play for Wales.—Reuter.

Burma and Manila sending soccer teams to Hong Kong

Two soccer teams, one from Burma and another from Manila, will be visiting Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year holidays on February 17, 18 and 19.

This information was given to members of the Press by Mr. Jack Skinner, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, at the weekly Press Conference held last night.

Mr. Skinner said that the Burmese team was quite strong and that, in consequence, Hong Kong would have to pick its best team for the match against the Burma XI.

The Manila team, said Mr. Skinner, was not quite so strong as the Burmese, so it was proposed to select promising youngsters for the match against the Filipinos.

MALAYS ACCUSED

Singapore, January 12.

Ten Malays, accused of conspiring to murder Mr. Duncan Stewart, Governor of Sarawak, who was assassinated last month, were committed for trial today at Sibu, Sarawak.

The trial is expected to begin next month.—Reuter.

Royal Navy teams for the week-end

The following are the Royal Navy Cricket, rugby, soccer and hockey teams for the week-end:

CRICKET

1st XI against Commandos at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

Lt. Grant (Concord) (Capt), Lt. Mallows (Tamar), S.C.P.O. White (Tamar), O.A. Jones (Belfast), Cdr. Mack (Jamaica), Sub. Lt. Cockett (Jamaica), Lt. Cdr. Well-Cole (Jamaica), Lt. Brooker (Jamaica), P.O. Uden (Jamaica), Lt. Hirst (Alacrity), Lt. Venables (Comus).

Scorer: P.O. Moore (Comus).

Umpire: S.C.P.O. Garrod (Belfast).

2nd XI against Commandos at King's Park at 1.45 p.m. tomorrow:

C.P.O. Vale (Tamar), C.P.O. Llewellyn (Tamar), C.P.O. Bastable (Tamar), P.O. Coles (Tamar), Lt. Moffatt (Concord), Lt. Read (Whitesand Bay), C.P.O. Blackbee (Dampier), Sgt. Harwood (Stonecutters), P.O. Gask (Stonecutters), C/Sgt. Maylor (Stonecutters), E. M. Newman (Constance).

Scorer: L/Tel. Brooker (Tamar).

Umpire: Sgt. Colburn (Stonecutters).

RUGBY

Navy "A" against Hong Kong Police on the Club ground at Happy Valley tomorrow at 3 p.m.

L/Wtr. Spragg (Tamar), S/Lt. Mitchell (Whitesand Bay), Lt. Fawcett (H.K. Flotilla), Sig. Moore (Jamaica), Lt. (S) Hankin (Dampier), E.R.A. Marks (Belfast), Lt. (E) Lowe (Belfast) (Capt.), P.O. Bence (Tamar), Lt. Wright (Comus), Mr. Storrie, Cd. Gnr. (Tamar), Lt. Norman (Belfast), Lt. Cdr. Thorneycroft (H.K. Flotilla), Lt. (E) Baldwin (Belfast), Lt. Eddis (H.K. Flotilla), E.R.A. Holmes (Jamaica).

Reserves: Sgt. Thelwell, R.M. (Belfast), E.R.A. Offen (Jamaica), E.M. Hart (H.K. Flotilla), Lt. Cdr. Pryor (Dampier), S/Lt. Atkinson (Jamaica).

SOCCER

Navy "B" against Dockyard at Causeway Bay tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

A.B. Pratt (Tamar), P.O.S.M. Evans (Consort), P.O. Collins (Tamar), S.B.P.O. Papworth (Maine), L/Sea. Thompson (Alacrity), A.B. Campbell (Belfast), Tel. Bell (Tamar), O/Sig. Ferguson (Belfast), A.B. Devlin (Whitesand Bay), S.M. McCombe (Consort), A.B. Ball (Dampier).

Reserves: P.O. Northcott (Tamar), A.B. Whitehead (Ocean), Boy Topliss (Whitesand Bay), Sig. English (Tamar).

Linesman: E.M. Weeks (Tamar).

Trainer: C.P.O. Sharpe (Tamar).

HOCKEY

Against Kowloon Indian Tennis Club at King's Park on Sunday, bully off 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Williams (Concord), Lt. Moyes (Belfast), Surg. Lt. Mallows (Tamar), P.O. Le Brun (Jamaica), Lt. Cdr. Haig (Tamar), L/Tel. Mathewson (Tamar), L/Ptl. Cripps (Tamar), Lt. Gommill (Constance), Lt. Eddis (H.K. Flot.), Lt. (E) Drewitt (Belfast), Lt. Grant (Concord).

ARMY TEAMS TO PLAY AGAINST MACAO ARMY

The following have been selected to represent 40th Division against Macao Army on Saturday, January 14:

Park (KOSB), Mahoney (HQ 20 Bde.), Hardwick (Fd. Security Section), Craighead (25 Fd. Regt.), Haig (40th Div.), Wells (23 Fd. Regt.), Lewis (8 RTA), Finney (25 Fd. Regt.), Russell (HQ 40th Div.), Marsden (25 Fd. Regt.) and Dean (HQ 40th Div.).

The following have been selected to represent Combined Army against Macao Army on Sunday, January 15:

Leyland, Wooten, Woods (or) Easton, Ballin, Spence, Hutton, Brown, Berry, Conway, Higgins and Andrews.

Both games will be played at Sookumpoo ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. each day.

Prices of admission: Covered Stands $2.40; Uncovered Stands $1.20; Servicemen 60 cents all stands.

Week-end Sports teams

The following teams have been selected to represent their respective Club or branch of the Service in League games over the week-end:

CRICKET

Kowloon Cricket Club 1st XI against HKCC "Scorpions" at Cox's Road tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

R. E. Lee, W. H. Colledge, W. M. Davidson, F. R. Kermani, J. Leriou, C. P. Smith, A. Zimmern, E. C. Fincher, N. Hart-Baker and J. V. Sellers.

Umpire—A. G. B. Carnell.

Scorer—J. P. Robinson.

Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI against Club de Recreio at King's Park at 1.45 p.m.

C. J. Smith, A. T. Lee, V. C. Bond, D. G. White, E. Randall, F. A. Broadbridge, J. Barrow, E. Guest, E. A. Lee, R. G. Labrum, and G. R. Rosselett.

Reserve—R. N. Manley.

Club de Recreio 2nd XI against KCC at King's Park tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

A. E. Noronha, (Capt.), E. A. R. Alves, C. A. Guterres, A. R. Osmund, A. A. Lopes, E. M. Rosario, A. A. Remedios, R. d'A. Remedios, C. A. Yvanovich, G. A. Yvanovich, and F. Correa.

Craigengower Cricket Club against Club de Recreio at Happy Valley at 1.45 p.m.

G. A. Souza, G. Hong Choy, P. J. Billimoria, M. J. Divecha, K. M. Rumjahn, P. Ragi, T. Crabtree, A. H. Ismail, D. Readman, H. Greenslade and J. Iranee.

G. S. Ladd (Umpire).

G. C. Jorge (Scorer).

RAF 1st XI against Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

W/O. Scott, S/Ldr. Norris, F/Lt. Cooper, Sgt. Parks, AC. West, Cpl. Hurst, F/Sgt. Crellin, Cpl. Parsons, Sgt. Davenport, P. 1i. Baker and Cpl. Barnes.

RAF 2nd XI against Indian Recreation Club at Kai Tak tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

S/Ldr. Gall (Capt.), F/O. Gomibrill, F/Lt. Ball, W/Cdr. Panton, F/Lt. Vaughan, F/Lt. Cross, Sgt. Dunn, Sgt. Moorhouse, P.1i. Cunnington, AC. Tyer and F/Lt. Marshall.

RUGBY

Army "A" against Royal Air Force at Kai Tak tomorrow at 4.15 p.m.

Smyth (KOSB), Brown (RAPC), Spiller (S. Staffs), Clayden (20 Bde.), Gower (RA), Ives (REME), Wilson (R. Sussex), De Villiers (S. Staffs), Bucknall (Mx), Young (4H), Baker (RA), Anson (4H), Fairrie (ASH), Bradley (RA) and Richardson (R.R.R.).

Army "B" against Club "B" at Kai Tak tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Boswell (RTR), Will (RTR), Noble (Cams.), McNabb (RAOC), Featherston-Godley (RA), Wilson (KOSB), Goldschimdt (R. Lols), Luckman (RA), Burnett (GR), Williams (KSLI), Rapsey (K. Sigs), Mc Adam (RA), Smith (Cams.), Jennings (Mx) and Gregson (KSLI).

Reserves—Reinhold (RA), Baldock (S. Staffs.), Alexander (RA), Davis (RA) and Bryceson, (Cams.).

Upsets and thrills in Third Round soccer Cup replays

London, January 11.

Seven Third Round Cup replays produced thrills for nearly 300,000 soccer fans this afternoon when the anticipated (in some quarters) seven home wins failed to materialise.

In fact, there were sufficient surprises to produce only two home wins while four away sides were successful within the stipulated 90 minutes.

At the end of that period Middlesbrough and Aston Villa were still on even terms and so played extra time.

The big upsets of the programme were the away victories of Northampton, Cardiff and Watford. When half-time arrived in all seven games, only three goals had been scored, Charlton, who always seem to fight better when the dice is loaded against them, leading Fulham, while Liverpool and Blackburn each scored once. None of the five other games had then produced a goal.

Charlton led three minutes from half-time, when D'Arcy took advantage of a miskick by a home defender. D'Arcy also played a part in Charlton's second goal, scored by Vaughan, and Fulham's consolation point came 11 minutes from the end, when MacDonald netted.

Charlton deserved their win on today's display.

A snap goal

Watford's defenders carried off the first half honours and then the whole side battled with resolute spirit throughout the second half in which a snap goal by Thomas, following a free kick, brought victory.

Blackburn Rovers led with a goal by Edge but Payne equalised and in the second half Faber netted a rebound after Liddell struck the bar with a free kick just outside the penalty area.

Cardiff, always more dangerous in front of goal, did not get their decisive goal until Edwards netted midway through the second half.

Plymouth weathered the Wolverhampton Wanderers' attack before the interval but two goals within a minute sealed their fate. Swinburne scored after 58 minutes. Hancocks got the second from a penalty in less than a minute and Smith snatched the third goal later.

Southampton and Northampton had a goal-less first half but the three goals came in three minutes, Dixen giving the visitors a lead which Scott and Weymar countered.

This raised excitement to a high pitch and two well-placed corner kicks by Mitchell brought goals for Hughes and Canolin to give Northampton victory.

Middlesbrough and Aston Villa's game was always dominated by defences even though Middlesbrough's Hardwick was injured and had to go on the wing. He withdrew before extra time was finished but Middlesbrough held out and the match will be replayed next Monday.—Reuter.

The results

Fulham	1	Charlton	2
Middlesbrough (after extra time)	0	Aston Villa	0
Southampton	2	Northampton	3
Wolverhampton	3	Plymouth Argyle	0
Liverpool	2	Blackburn R.	1
Preston N.E.	0	Watford	1
West Brom.	0	Cardiff C.	1

The second replay between Middlesbrough and Aston Villa will take place next Monday, January 16.—Reuter.

Citation returns to the races and scores easy win

Arcadia, California, January 11.

The great Citation, one of the world's leading thoroughbreds, returned to the races today at Santa Anita after an absence from the turf of 13 months and flashed to an easy length and a half victory in a four-horse allowance race for a US$5,000 purse.

The Calumet Farm champion laid off the early pace until the small field hit the stretch turn of the six-furlong race.

Then jockey Steve Brooks smacked the gallant bay horse once and Citation, with long easy strides pulled past Roman and just as easily slipped by Bold Gallant, the pace setter.

Citation's time for the six furlongs was 1:11-2/5 over a sloppy track. The time was considered excellent in view of the condition of the course.—United Press.

AUSTRIA TO ORGANISE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Paris, January 11.

Austria will organise the European Swimming Championships this year, it was announced today after a meeting of the European Swimming League. The events will be held in the 50-metre pool in Vienna from August 20 to 27.

Competitors will be allowed to use the "butterfly" breast stroke.

Hungary was originally awarded the Championships but declined to accept the invitation. Austria, Italy and Spain made bids for them at the Paris meeting at which France, Belgium, Holland, Hungary and Sweden were represented.

The Austrian Swimming Federation will submit the programme for the Championships soon.—Reuter.

England's bid to regain former badminton supremacy

London, January 11.

The first step in England's bid to regain their former world supremacy in badminton was taken with the recent staging of the inaugural All-England Junior Championship at the Wimbledon Club here.

Under eighteens from all over the country eagerly seized the chance to compete in a national tournament and the results were encouraging.

Outstanding among the 90 competitors was Francis Shaw, of Nottingham, a boy with the build of a boxer, the agility of a cat and the touch of a surgeon.

Shaw carried all before him to win three titles and will win senior titles with equal certainty if he continues to improve at the present rate.

Honourable mention goes to Arthur Jordan, from Hoylake, Cheshire, who at 15 has a smash which a lot of senior players would envy.

These are the boys who are expected to be fostered to provide the nucleus of the international team of the future.

Experts believe that properly developed they will one day provide a stern challenge to the all-conquering Malayans for world honours, but they will not be ready for England's challenge for the Thomas Cup in 1952.

Selectors criticised

It looks as though England will again have to rely upon seasoned Internationals. The England selectors have already been criticised over their choice of the team to meet Scotland in Edinburgh later this month.

The average age of the team is nearer 40 than 30. Many feel that it should be nearer 20 than 30, giving younger men the benefit of International experience.

Meanwhile, badminton in Britain is booming. Of the 263 clubs in Middlesex County more than 100 have been formed since 1939, while Surrey report an increase of 14 clubs this season.—Reuter.

Indoor tennis tournament

Paris, January 11.

Miss Jean Curry of Britain beat Madame Maud Galtier of France in the quarter-finals of the Racing Club indoor tennis tournament on Wednesday and entered the semi-finals. The score was 6-1, 6-4.

Other women's singles results:

Madame Anne Marie Sighers beat Madame Arletto Hall 6-4, 6-2; Mlle. Jacqueline Marcellin beat Mme. Colette Boegner 6-0, 6-2; Madame Boutin beat Madame Amoureti 1-0, 7-5, 6-4.

In the remaining match for the men's singles quarter-finals, Jacquet Thomas beat Philipp Chartrier 6-3, 6-2.

Madame Boegner and Jean Borotra beat Mlle. Suzanne Pandtier and Robert Colin in the semi-finals of the mixed doubles.—Associated Press.

Snooker tournament

London, January 11.

John Pulman and Peter Mans, of South Africa, each won three frames this afternoon when their match in the "News of the World" £1,500 snooker tournament was continued. This left Pulman leading by 17 frames to 13 and needing only two successes tonight to win the match.

This afternoon's scores (with Pulman first) were 94 to 15, 20 to 81, 39 to 70, 68 to 47, 77 to 33 and 27 to 72. Mans receives two points in each frame.

Walter Donaldson maintained his four frames lead over Kingsley Kennerley in their World Snooker Championships quarter-final match at Bolton, each winning three frames this afternoon, at the end of which session Donaldson led by 17 frames to 13.

The scores (with Donaldson first) were 65 to 58, 73 to 18, 54 to 76, 99 to 25, 86 to 66 and 66 to 68.

Pulman beat Mans by 23 frames to 14 this evening, the scores being (with Pulman first) 71 to 57, 69 to 40, 81 to 22, 54 to 39, 114 to 10, 83 to 17 and 21 to 82.

In the World Championship match at Bolton, Donaldson led Kennerley by 20 frames to 16 at the close of play. The evening scores (with Donaldson first) were 79 to 43, 47 to 61, 68 to 30, 74 to 35, 80 to 77 and 25 to 03.

The match is over 71 frames and ends on Saturday.—Reuter.